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March on Washington?

Dear Editor:

To all members of the community interested in organizing a third March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, there will be a second national planning meeting on May 11 and 12 in Washington, D.C., Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. N.W.

While I was not able to attend the first planning meeting on March 9, I understand that several people urged that the march be deferred until after 1994. As an HIV-positive man with more teeth than T-cells, I would like to strongly press for a march in May of 1992. While I understand that a year is not much time to get one million women and men to the Capital, I also know that there are tens of thousands of gay men eager to march again who will not be above ground in 1995 or 1997.

I recommend that all those interested in the march begin to plan grassroots meetings in their city or region, do outreach to the diverse elements within our lesbian and gay community, and commit to attending the May 11-12 meeting. It is vital that there be a demonstration of broad-based support for a march so that the national gay/lesbian organizations and established activists understand the importance of this event.

There has been a toll-free number set up to answer questions, 1-800-832-2889. If this number is not functioning, contact me at the address and telephone numbers listed below.

Drew Siegel

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Sanctuary not a place for shock words

Dear Editor:

River City Metropolitan Community Church has been a standard bearer in civil and human rights for over 19 years. We have worked for, and felt deeply, for the spiritual needs of the gay and lesbian community. We are there for you, whether you are members of our congregation or not, in times of joy or sorrow. In these precarious times, it is important that we learn to communicate with each other, and those in power, with skillful, loving ways, so that we may adequately express our differences. Our church is concerned about the disrespectful language that has been used in our Sanctuary during non-religious functions. We request, that in the future, speakers evaluate the need to use shock-language to get their point across, and at all times remember they are in "the House of Our Lord." Our sanctuary is a sacred place to us. We appreciate the community's understanding in this matter.

Lynn Strawbridge
Outreach & Public Relations
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Gay Fathers say thank you

Dear Editor:

Thought you might be interested in publishing the following letter to Faces, who was extremely helpful in our last fund-raiser.

Dennis Hess

Dear Friends at Faces:

As chairman of the Easter Egg Sale on March 28, 29 & 30 for the Gay Fathers of Sacramento, I would like to extend a big thank you.

More people should be made aware of what goes on to make an event successful, and Faces has always been there to lend help and support. It is great to have establishments like yours in the community that allow us to conduct fund-raisers for worthy causes on their premises.

An extra special thank you to your staff (who donated tips) and to the security persons for keeping a safe environment for our workers.

Again, thanks to all of you at Faces.

Dennis Hess

Chairman, GFS Easter Egg Sale

Support ...?

Dear Editor:

Support the rapist but not the rape!...

Glen Rice

Mother's Day indecision

Dear Editor:

Unless you are an ingrate of a child (like me) who habitually forgets to honor the woman who raised you, you are beginning to contemplate Mother's Day with that old sense of vague indecision. What's the dutiful gay son or daughter to send?

To all you tormented souls in the throws of Mother's Day madness, let me suggest the solution to your dilemma -- the perfect gift! Why not give a suitably substantial donation (let's say \$50, equivalent to sending a dozen roses long distance) in your mother's name to P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

P-FLAG is a national organization with chapters in almost every state whose purpose is to help parents cope and accept their child's gayness.

P-FLAG parents are there for us 365 days a year. This May 12, let's show our love and affection for our mothers by supporting this brave and loyal army of parents in the battle for gay and lesbian civil rights. Send your checks to: P-FLAG, Box 27605, Washington, D.C. 20038.

And let your mom know that you did; it'll make her proud.

Drew Siegel

Thank you to Mr. Leather

Dear Editor:

Our thanks to Mr. Leather Sacramento, Randy Gray, for sponsoring an informative anti-violence workshop on March 26, at Clunie Hall. The two hour seminar with Chris Burns was informative, practical, and understood by all audience members, male and female alike. Chris was extremely knowledgeable on the subject of common sense self defense. In light of the recent increase in attacks to members and friends of the Sacramento gay and lesbian community, I would strongly suggest that all members of this community attend this workshop should it be offered again. The time and money spent was a small price to pay for an evening of valuable knowledge.

James Ozanich & George Fox

Growin' column helpful

Dear Editor:

I haven't picked up your paper for a while, but on getting my hands on a copy of the April 1 issue I was very pleased to see some interesting new columns.

In particular, the "growin'" column by Sandra Warne, M.A. was a welcome sight. It seems that awareness and discussion of ourselves or our sick society in an honest, call-it-for-what-it-is style has been taboo, or at least uncool in most journalism. I've seen articles addressing the trend for awareness and recovery with a blatant air of resentment by the writers towards those seeking to change, thus furthering my concept of our sick society and a corresponding sick media. However, as Ms. Warne comments in her article -- "We are society. When enough of us change, it will change." Alas, there is hope.

Thanks MGW for being a leader towards change.

Marion Townsend

Correction...

On Page Extra 13 of the April 1 issue of MGW, the PAARC Cloggers were incorrectly identified. The correct photo caption should have read "... Sonya Cox and Chuck Downey danced at the recent CAMP Awards to raise money for the community's planned Emergency Fund for people with AIDS, sponsored by Performing-Artists for AIDS-Related Charities (PAARC)."▼

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Medical dangers associated with ethyl chloride

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

There is very little medical information available on the physical and psychiatric effects of ethyl chloride abuse, but what little there is makes it clear that use of the volatile gas as a sexual aphrodisiac and "high" carries serious short-term dangers and possible long-term neurological and psychiatric risks - in addition to the already reported cases of death from heart failure in Texas and Minnesota described in news articles in the gay press.

Ethyl chloride is primarily being marketed through adult bookstores, sex-shops and some gay bars by Lamar Labs which is owned by Aroma Concepts of West Hollywood, Calif., under the trade name "Ethyl Gaz." Although the labels on Ethyl Gaz state that it is sold as an "air freshener," the gas has been used by gay men for a number of years as a sexual stimulant and a "rush" while dancing. Its popularity has increased among gay men recently as federal bans on volatile nitrites known as "poppers" went into effect.

Despite the labeling of Ethyl Gaz, however, the product's distributors would not - or could not - identify any retail outlets for the product other than adult bookstores, sex shops, gay bars and "head shops." The ersatz "air freshener" also contains label warnings that it "may be irritating to mucous membranes and could cause narcosis and unconsciousness" and another that says the product is not for sale to minors, both highly unusual precautions for an air freshener. Three reported deaths resulting from ethyl chloride use in the state caused the Texas Department of Health's Food & Drug Division to begin seizures of the product in late 1988 which continue whenever products containing the volatile gas appear.

Ethyl chloride was first developed by Basil Valentine in the early 17th century and was used as a local anesthetic and then as a general anesthesia until the 1960s when its use was discontinued due to its dangers. Some hospital deaths in the 1950s and early 1960s had been attributed to administering the gas.

It continues, however, to be popular as a topical anesthetic, particularly for muscle injuries connected

with sports. However its volatility and toxicity still cause doctors to urge precautions with its use. As far back as 1957, Dr. J. J. Bonica warned in the "Journal of the American Medical Association:" "Ethyl chloride vapor is heavier than air, therefore the patient should be so positioned that the vapors gravitate away from his face. Also the room should have adequate ventilation to disperse the vapors, and sources of fires, such as cigarettes, open flame, or electrical motors should be absolutely avoided." Two medical journals, the "Israel Annals of Psychiatry" in 1979, and the "International Journal of the Addictions" in 1988, have specifically dealt with sniffing ethyl chloride. A third study, in the "British Journal of Psychiatry," also reported on possible long-term dangers associated with abuse of various volatile substances, including a close chemical relative, methylene chloride. The Israeli journal describes the case of a 28-year-old woman who sniffed ethyl chloride in doses of 200 ml. to 300 ml. on a daily basis for four months before being hospitalized. Her symptoms ranged from loss of

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Partner benefits being pushed at Stanford University

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

PALO ALTO, Calif. -- After years of struggle that finally led last year to Stanford University's formal adoption of domestic partner benefits for students at the prestigious campus, university faculty are now asking similar benefits for the school's 1,200 faculty and 6,000 staff members.

At the urging of lesbian and gay faculty members, the Student Senate unanimously adopted in February a resolution endorsing extended benefits for the partners of lesbian/gay faculty and staff. The Faculty Senate and the President's Committee on Faculty-Staff Benefits are now being asked to adopt similar resolutions at the request of OUTAS (Out At Stanford), the organization of some 70 openly lesbian and gay faculty and staff members at the campus. Among the benefits available to the spouses of married faculty and staff that lesbians and gays at Stanford wanted extended to their partners are the university's

retirement annuity program that allows married partners to collect half the benefits paid into the account in the event a Stanford spouse dies before retirement; the university's reduced tuition program for children of employees; the university's dental and medical insurance plans which are free to spouses; access to campus facilities like the library, pool and gymnasium; and Stanford's travel insurance which pays \$500,000 to spouses of employees who die while traveling on university-related business.

The proposal, endorsed by the Student Senate and now before the Faculty Senate and the Benefits Committee, would require unmarried same-sex couples working at the university file affidavits confirming their committed relationship. The proposal would not apply to unmarried opposite-sex couples because marriage is a legal option available to them which lesbians and gays do not yet enjoy in this country. The lesbian/gay faculty group, however, has indicated it would support a similar policy for

opposite-sex couples if other unmarried faculty and staff members wanted similar benefits.

Although the support of the student and faculty senates and the benefits committee are important in convincing the administration of the need for the policy change, none of those groups can implement the changes themselves. Such changes in faculty and staff benefits are under the jurisdiction of the president's office. As with the adoption of a students' domestic partner benefits policy, it is likely the board of trustees' approval would also be required.

A similar proposal, limited to extending insurance benefits, was considered by the benefits committee in 1986. It was rejected at the time because the university could locate no insurance carriers providing domestic partner coverage. With a few insurance companies now offering such coverage, that issues may be less of an obstacle according to Prof. Estelle Freedman of the university's history department.▼

Berkeley considering domestic partners ordinance

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

BERKELEY, Calif. -- On Dec. 5, 1984, the city of Berkeley made history by enacting the world's first domestic partners ordinance, enabling city workers - lesbian, gay or straight - to register their unmarried relationships to receive comparable benefits as married couples in health and dental care, bereavement leave and sick-care leave. The city council is now working on adding another domestic partners ordinance that, like several other cities, would allow the city's general population to register their relationships as well, although no specific benefits will

likely be involved. In late February, councilwoman Ann Chandler introduced a request before the council, which it unanimously approved, asking that city manager Michael Brown study San Francisco's ordinance to determine how the city of Berkeley could set up the mechanics of a similar partner registration there. Although there is on-going discussion over some technical issues concerning how to define what constitutes a domestic partner relationship, David Cogan, an aide to Chandler, said the mechanics of the legislation will probably be "very similar" to San Francisco's. That law simply entails couples filing a registration application with the County Clerk's of-

fice and paying a \$35 fee to receive a domestic partner form recording their relationship. Vicky Kolakowski, president of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, said the organization would be holding a community forum in May on the issue of domestic partners in anticipation of giving the Berkeley city council community input. "I think it's important for people in the community who aren't activists to have input on the issue at this early stage," she said. The city manager's office is scheduled to report back to the council in June with his findings on the costs of operating such a registration program in the city and details on how it would be operated.▼

Who hates us more? Them or us?

Despite right-wing propagandists' rhetoric -- hate crimes DO exist! They can be physical, emotional or psychic. They objectify 'the other' - person or group -- make them powerless, less important, grind out and destroy any spark of worth or self-esteem they may have nurtured. They even KILL.

We see and hear it every day. African-Americans, Asians, Latinos, Arabs, Gays and Lesbians -- it's always SOMEONE'S turn in the barrel. The difference is that it is officially unacceptable and ILLEGAL to perpetrate hate crimes against groups which are protected. Gays and lesbians are NOT protected. Daily attacks are made against gays and lesbians in newspapers and on the radio which, if they were made against a group with protected status, would cause a hue and cry resulting in major prosecutions.

Some of our leaders point out that the Sacramento Union, Lou Sheldon, Rush Limbaugh, William Dannemeyer and others of that ilk are encouraging hate crimes -- are creating the kind of local and national climate that says it's O.K. to despise and revile and bash and kill gays and lesbians -- simply for being who THEY SAY we are! These events are of such little note - even to our liberal, well-meaning 'friends' - that even the Sacramento Bee had to be called and begged to cover the killing of Vincent Blades -- although it was, by then, three days late.

Perhaps we need a new hate crimes category. Maybe we can call it 'Self-Hate Crimes.' Surely we need to take a look at what we tolerate and ask ourselves -- WHY? Maybe some gays and lesbians HAVE taken a look at what's arrayed against us and have been overwhelmed. Surely there is some reason that there is no organized voice in this town to speak out against these injustices -- and better yet, take action -- writing letters, contacting the press associations, the FCC, filing class action suits, compiling and creating a body of evidence which will let people know there ARE consequences to what they are doing to our community.

Surely there is some reason there is little happening in the way of coalition building with other minority communities. In fact, Lou Sheldon is organizing other minorities against us! Surely there is some reason we see no letters, hear no phone calls protesting the kind of police administration in L.A. which allows a Rodney King to be beaten to a pulp -- but then -- we didn't protest when the homophobic L.A.P.D. harassed and endangered the life of a much-decorated officer when they 'discovered' his sexual orientation!

Surely there is some reason that the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality, (LIFE) the gay and lesbian political lobby is getting beaten bloody in the political arena over AB 101, the gay and lesbian anti-discrimination bill for jobs and housing, and they have to BEG California gays and lesbians to write letters of support, letters to document instances of discrimination (Sheldon says, there IS no discrimination against us and our lack of documentation PROVES it!), letters to thank the legislators who are going out on a limb to promote this bill for us.

Surely there is some reason that gays and lesbians will belligerently state, "I'm not political," when anyone with the I.Q. of a houseplant would have gathered by now that TO BE GAY IS TO BE POLITICAL....

Surely there is a reason -- but none that I can justify. But hey! Party hearty, dudes and dudettes! After all, it's OUR funeral....▼

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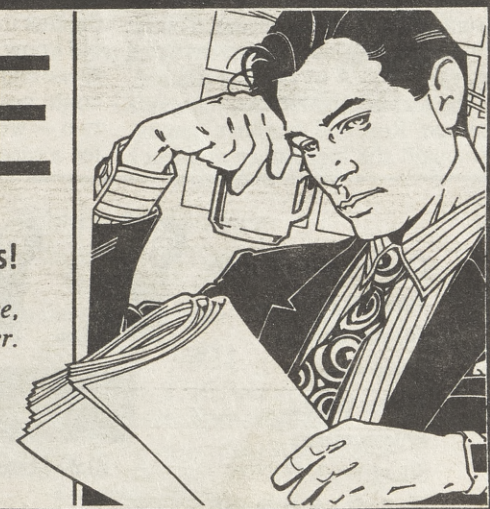
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Minneapolis Daily begins publishing partnership notices

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

MINNEAPOLIS -- The "Minneapolis Star-Tribune" became one of a handful - and so far the largest - of U.S. daily newspapers to begin publishing same-sex domestic partnership notices along with opposite-sex engagement and wedding announcements last week.

With a daily circulation of over 400,000 and a Sunday circulation of more than 660,000 copies, the morning "Star-Tribune's" publication of its first domestic partner notices on Thursday, March 21, makes it the first major daily to publish such notices.

Late last year the "Everett (Wash.) Herald" became the first daily paper in the country to publish same-sex partner notices, and it was followed quickly by the "Marin (Calif.) Independent Journal" and the "Burlington (Vt.) Reformer." Until the "Star-Tribune," however, those papers have all been dailies with circulations under 75,000.

The Minneapolis city council approved a domestic partners law in late January making the "Star-Tribune" also the only paper publishing partnership notices in a city with domestic partners legislation.

According to "Star-Tribune" spokeswoman Betty Fenton, the paper has had a variety of responses to the new domestic partner announcements "ranging from support to outraged opposition to people who say they understand why the paper's running them - they just don't want them in the same section with 'real' marriages. But that's exactly where they run."

Newspapers in Seattle and San Francisco, the two other major U.S. cities with domestic partners laws on the books, do not publish partnership announcements. San Francisco's two dailies, the "Chronicle" and the "Examiner," no longer publish any couples' announcements of any kind, and Seattle's two leading dailies, the "Times" and the "Post-Intelligencer" have so far refused to publish same-sex partner notices. ▽

Male prison rape a growing problem compounded by budget woes

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- The conviction in January of San Francisco Jail inmate Monroe Jones for the repeated rape of an 18-year-old fellow inmate points to an escalating but neglected problem that only promises to grow worse in the coming years as municipalities and states throughout the country face increasingly tight budgets coupled with rapidly growing prison inmate populations.

Officials in the Sheriff's Office say this incident and other reported sexual assaults in the jails are only the tip of the iceberg that is destined to get much worse in the near future.

Sgt. Rich Dyer, a spokesman for the S.F. Sheriff's Office, said, "For every one sexual assault that's reported [in jails], there's probably six that simply aren't reported because of fear of reprisals. And there's probably nothing unusual about San Francisco's jails - in fact we may well be doing better at preventing this kind of thing than many other large cities. There's a tendency in many larger jail systems to ignore these kinds of assaults."

But the overcrowded and understaffed conditions in the jail where the rape occurred may cost the City a bundle. Mort Cohen, an attorney representing the raped man, may sue the City for failing to adequately protect his client while in custody. Last October the young man,

identified in records as "Bob Drake" although his real identity is being shielded by the court, was visiting friends here. Drake lives in New Hampshire where he is a landscaper. Police, looking for a car thief matching his description, stopped him and began a routine search of his bags. They found nearly a half-pound of marijuana, and Drake tried to flee in panic.

He was booked on felony drug possession charges and resisting arrest. As with anyone being held for trial, Drake was classified according to his prior arrest record and the nature of the charges against him to determine what jail security level he should be assigned to. He was given a low risk assessment.

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Police release murder suspects

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- In a surprise move last Thursday, the Sacramento District Attorney's office dropped charges which had been filed against three suspects accused in the March 7 stabbing death of 24-year-old Vincent Blades. With apparently no notice to leaders in the gay and lesbian community, no press conference and no press release, the announcement was made solely in an exclusive interview with the Sacramento Bee. According to a spokesperson, the rush was caused by "the concern was that they be released on Friday instead of being held over the weekend."

According to Deputy District Attorney Richard H. Gilmour, all charges against Fred Roybal, 32, William Gelling, Jr., 20, and Kasi Joe Fellows, 18, were dismissed on Friday morning in Sacramento Municipal Court. Roybal had been accused of murder -- having been implicated by Gelling and Fellows. The two later changed their stories and were arrested as accessories to Blades' murder. They were all held on \$1 million bail despite pleas of innocence.

The testimony of a 14-year-old girl, a runaway from Ohio, accomplished what their lawyers could not. According to Gilmour, the teenager had been caught hitchhiking and was on her way back East. She was temporarily placed with a Grass Valley family to whom she told the story of Blades' killing. They convinced her to come forward and on March 20, in addition to her story she produced a blood-stained jacket which had been described by eyewitnesses as the jacket worn by one of the assailants. Genetic fingerprinting tests further revealed that the type A blood was Blades'.

The girl implicated two men, one named 'Ron' and the other 'James'. She said she met James at a truck

stop in Ohio and that he had the knife. According to Gilmour she never learned their last names. The girl admitted to kicking Blades as he lay on the ground and is currently being held at Juvenile Hall on charges of assault and battery. The girl also led police to an abandoned apartment a short way from the murder scene where she said the trio hid out after the murder.

Gelling and Fellows made jubilant statements to the press, threatened to sue the Sacramento Police Department for false arrest, and made plans to go back to Montana. Their euphoria was short-lived as police impounded their packed car on Monday, April 1. The two had stopped at the police station on to collect their property on the way out of town and officers seized the car to check it for fingerprints -- possibly those of the 14-year-old. When they were arrested originally, Gelling, Fellows and Roybal were picked up at the Greyhound Bus station so police did not have access to their car.

When asked about the release, Anna Bravo, Deputy District Attorney in charge of the Hate Crimes Unit said, "In general, the police have to be concerned with probable cause -- when they make a case they have to deal with that concept. But in the district attorney's office when we prosecute, we have to deal with the concept of reasonable doubt -- that is our standard. We have to be able to prove a case at 85 or 90 percent of reasonable doubt and we just weren't going to be able to do that in this instance."

Regarding the release of the suspects Gilmour said, "Police and prosecutors are a suspicious lot by nature but we have no way of proving that this group and the 14-year-old know each other. No one at the scene could I.D. Roybal and no one could positively identify the other two -- we simply couldn't guarantee a successful prosecution. ▽

Washington state AAA gives 'family discount' to same-sex couples

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SEATTLE -- As a result of a discrimination complaint brought almost three years ago, the American Automobile Association chapter serving western and central Washington state agreed at the 11th hour to allow domestic partners and other household residents to take advantage of the auto club's associate memberships.

AAA Washington's board of directors approved the new policy broadening the definition of who can qualify as associate members Thursday, March 14, only one day before the dispute was scheduled to go before a Seattle Human Rights Department hearing examiner.

The dispute first rose in March 1988 when Demian, who has only one legal name, asked to become a member of the auto club with his partner of 10 years, Stevie Bryant as an associate member. Associate

membership, which until the complaint and policy change AAA Washington had restricted to legally married spouses, costs about half the primary member's fee.

When AAA Washington refused to allow the two men to apply as spouses, Demian filed a complaint with Seattle's Human Rights Department, which ruled in June 1990 that the auto club had discriminated against the gay couple, not because they're gay but because of their marital status. AAA Washington defended its denial of associate membership on the basis of "tradition and economic reasons," and argued that extending associate membership to non-spouses would be more expensive. Seattle law bars discrimination in public accommodations based on marital status, the basis of the Human Rights Department's finding in the case.

When the auto club still refused to accept the ruling, city officials referred the matter to a Seattle hear-

ing examiner for a summary judgment in the case, scheduled to begin March 15. But the day before the hearing, AAA Washington's directors agreed to alter its policy to conform to the Seattle law.

Last week, following the change, Demian said, "When we applied here, the clerk asked for my address as the primary member and just asked for Stevie's name, and asked for ID when I gave them the check but no ID from Stevie." Demian and Bryant co-edit "Partners," a national newsletter for gays and lesbians concerned with relationship issues.

"The thing that's really remarkable is that it's not just opening it up for Seattle where the law is enforced," Demian said, "but all of the area which they [AAA Washington] service. And it's not just for same-sex partners. It's for any household member, so it will protect families of all descriptions. It covers everybody." ▽

Census data on 'unmarried partners' still not available

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Despite the recent outpouring of data from the U.S. Census Bureau on figures from the 1990 census report, lesbians and gay men will have to wait until later this year or possibly the beginning of 1992 for what may be the first official statistical glimpse of the number of lesbian and gay couples in this country.

In the 1990 census questionnaires,

the government for the first time began asking more specific questions concerning the relationship of household members to "Person 1" - the individual formerly known as "head of household." Previously, gay and non-gay couples had only one option to describe their relationship: "Partner/roommate." The 1990 census, however, added several specific relationship options for unmarried couples to select including, "housemate/roommate," "roomer, boarder, or foster child,"

"other non-relative" and the all important "unmarried partner" option. Although the question itself was not intended by the Census Bureau to get a headcount on the number of lesbian/gay couples in the country, activists say counts of that specific response will in effect accomplish this for the first time. Some activists expressed concerns that with no Census Bureau educational outreach to the lesbian/gay community explaining the new

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Federal court upholds presubscribing to 'dial-a-porn' phone lines

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld here Thursday, March 21, FCC regulations restricting access to adult telephone services to subscribers who specifically request the services in direct opposition to a ruling by another federal court ruling in New York last year making it unclear what, if any, impact the ruling itself would actually have. The three-panel court upheld FCC regu-

lations based on a 1989 law sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) that attempts to prevent minors from getting access to the 900- "dial-a-porn" numbers. The FCC regulations were being defended by U.S. attorneys who argued that the communications regulator had a "compelling public interest in preventing minors from being exposed to indecent telephone messages."

But last year a group of adult telephone providers sued to block enforcement of the regulations in U.S. District Court in New York,

successfully arguing that the law itself was vague and violated the First and Fifth Amendments. In ruling against the FCC regulations last year, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Patterson also issued an injunction against enforcement of the new regulations nationally. That injunction was not removed in last week's ruling here, and enforcement of the regulations remains temporarily suspended until a federal court with jurisdiction vacates the injunction.

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Hate crime forum held

Legislative notes...



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The Hate Crimes Forum panel left to right were Ron Brown, Anna Bravo, Assistant District Attorney, Naya Miller, Gay and Lesbian Liaison from the Sacramento County's Sheriff's Office, Deputy Chief Lee Dohm, Sacramento Police Department, and Donna Yutzy, Executive Director of the Lambda Center.

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- In the wake of escalating violent hate crime in the Capital City and in an effort to bring about communication about hate crimes and coordination in reporting between groups - Sacramento's River City Democratic Club last week sponsored a hate crimes forum. The panel included Ron Brown, Coordinator of the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission; Anna Bravo, Deputy District Attorney in charge of the Hate Crimes Unit; Deputy Naya Miller, Liaison to the Gay and Lesbian Community from the Sacramento Sheriff's Department; Deputy Police Chief, Lee Dohm, Liaison to the Gay and Lesbian Community from the Sacramento Police Department; and Donna Yutzy, Executive Director of the Lambda Community Center.

Sacramento's Lambda Community Center was designated as a reporting point for hate crimes. Shaanon Lindauer, the Center's Administrative Assistant, has developed a reporting mechanism and will relay information with names or anonymously to the appropriate agencies. In addition, Lindauer introduced the group to her "Whistle Stop" Program and announced the formation of a "Lavender Angels" group to work with police and patrol in the increasingly dangerous downtown area.

While police urged more reporting of hate crimes - it was acknowledged that some people are reluctant to report such crimes because of family or job discovery that they are gay or lesbian. In a later interview, Dohm called for some coordination with the media to extend the same privacy protections to gay and lesbian victims of hate crimes as are given to juveniles and rape

victims so that people will begin to report more readily. "I know there are some mitigating factors why you don't want to call the police department," Dohm said. "But that has got to cease. We are going to continue to have bigger and bigger crimes if we can't work on your problems -- and we can't do that unless we know they exist." To aid in reporting such crimes Dohm said his department is currently installing a number where reports will be taken anonymously.

Brown stated that while his Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission organized a recent fact-finding hearing on hate crimes at City Hall -- his organization can only mediate settlements and has no enforcement power.

Miller acknowledged that the Sheriff's Department is just taking the first steps to deal with hate crimes in general and with gay and

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by Alan Lofaso
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It is very much a possibility that one of the next members of the California Assembly may be an openly gay man. And he won't come from San Francisco ... Bob Burke, an attorney from Los Angeles, has positioned himself to be one of 14 candidates vying in a special election to succeed former Assemblyman Mike Roos who resigned as of March 19. Burke, who has close ties to former Attorney General John Van de Kamp and Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy, is reported to have a \$100,000 campaign chest already assembled.

Burke will be running in the 40th Assembly District, the heart of which is the heavily gay Silver Lake area. The district is one of the most diverse in the state, with large gay,

Asian, and Latino populations. Some estimates put the portion of gays and lesbians in the 46th A.D. at 15-20 percent. Burke has said that his strategy will start at attempting to get the often apathetic gay and lesbian community to get out and vote in this election.

Should Bob Burke be unsuccessful, gay and lesbian activists will not stop in their push for representation in the legislature. A group of activists, operating under the banner of WESPAC, a statewide umbrella group of local gay and lesbian political action committees (including Sacramento's CAP/PAC), has entered the politically perilous realm of reapportionment.

As the legislature does every 10 years after the census is taken, this year lawmakers are carving up new

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Crimes bill begins to move

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- California Senate Bill 98 authored by Senator Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, April 2. The civil rights bill will enhance the penalties for hate crimes. Currently, in certain misdemeanor cases, a hate crime charge will upgrade the misdemeanor to a felony -- but there is a sentencing ceiling for hate crimes. Consequently, in cases such as rape or murder a hate crime is never charged because the penalty for the felony is greater than that for a hate

crime. There is some concern in the gay community that authorities should mandated to be scrupulous in such cases and list them as hate crimes for statistical purposes and charge them as felonies for prosecution purposes.

The bill will now go to the Senate Appropriations Committee for its approval and will then go to the Senate floor.

If SB 98 passes out of the Senate it will go to the Assembly Judiciary Committee, the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and on to the Assembly floor for final passage before going to the Governor for his signature.▼

AB 1851 an AIDS nightmare

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- A bill has been introduced in the California Assembly which AIDS experts contend will effectively destroy the Anonymous Test Site programs in the state. The bill, which was authored by Assemblymember Trice Harvey (R-Bakersfield), using recommendations from the American Medical Association, changes the definition of HIV disease to define it as a communicable disease. As such it would be subject to the same reporting mechanisms which are in place for sexually transmitted diseases like syphilis and gonorrhea. It provides that HIV infection is "a dangerous contagious, infectious or communicable disease and requires public health officials to take steps, including isolation or quarantine,

to prevent its spread."

According to Harvey aide, Nancy Armentrout, "This is preventive medicine. This bill will get the definition of HIV changed and make it a communicable disease so it will be treated like all communicable diseases - which gives public health officials the right of HIV reporting and possible quarantine. It would give public health officers a list of the people who have come in to get tested and only the names of those who test positive would be kept. This will enable public health officials to get statistics and of course they would be required to notify the person and get the names of their sexual partners so they could be notified. They (public health officials) wouldn't tell the people who infected them or possibly infected them and the people contacted would have their names destroyed after

they were notified and received counseling. This is going to put names on lists so that people can get testing," she said.

Armentrout said, "The purpose of this bill is to control the disease and to find the people who are spreading it knowingly or unknowingly." According to Armentrout the bill specifically targets those people who are getting HIV tests and not coming back for the results.

Stan Hadden, Senior Consultant to President Pro Tem of the Senate, David Roberti, is outraged by the bill. "I've talked to them about the anonymous clients at the local AIDS clinic who pay cash for their tests for fear that HIV insurance claims would cause them to lose insurance or employment. I talked about ACT UP people lying in the street and getting carted off to jail because

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Project 21 vs. TVC over textbooks

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- The first round in the battle over health textbooks and curriculum saw Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Project 21 members and Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) proponents testifying about needed content in proposed secondary school texts before the Health Education Curriculum Framework and Criteria Commission.

The Framework Commission makes recommendations to the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission which is an advisory body to the State Board of Education. In addition, the State Department of Education also makes independent recommendations to the State Board

of Education. "It's a parallel process," said Project 21's Hank Wilson who testified at the Tuesday, March 19 hearing in Sacramento. "But the Framework Commission is the place where they take public input and currently they're developing the framework for textbook content both now and in the next meetings scheduled for July 30 and 31," Wilson said.

Project 21 is a long range effort to get gay and lesbian issues included in textbooks and curriculum in schools by the start of the 21st century.

Wilson called for the health text framework to have an inclusive approach to the gay and lesbian community, to maintain a positive tone and to include gay and lesbian options in individual growth and

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Lesbian and gay reapportionment project launched

As California legislators begin redrawing all of the state's congressional and legislative districts, the interests of the lesbian and gay community are being represented for the first time.

The Western States Conference of Gay and Lesbian Political Action Committee (WESPAC) has launched a Reapportionment Project to impact the redistricting process, which is done following the census every ten years to reflect population changes.

WESPAC is working to ensure that some districts are drawn so that openly gay and lesbian candidates can get elected to the State Assembly, State Senate and Congress.

Although California has many openly gay or lesbian local elected officials, no lesbian or gay man has yet been elected to the legislature or congressional delegation.

WESPAC also hopes to maximize the number of pro-gay representatives in Sacramento and Washington.

WESPAC is composed of representatives of lesbian and gay political action committees around the state, including those in San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Orange County and the South Bay. "Previous reapportionments were conducted by politicians behind closed doors and our community's interests were not considered," said WESPAC Co-Chair Donald Disler of San Francisco. "As a result, the community's voting power was often divided into different districts, making it very difficult to elect lesbian or gay candidates."


San Francisco's Castro district is split down the middle into two congressional districts and assembly districts. Lesbian and gay vot-

ers in Los Angeles and San Diego are similarly divided.

"We're working to change that," said Disler.

WESPAC has commissioned a demographic study to determine where lesbian and gay voters live throughout the state. Using computerized databases and mapping, districts will be drawn that unite the community and will encourage the election of lesbian and gay candidates.

Although the study will not be completed until later this spring, WESPAC has already begun lobbying key legislators to consider its proposals. WESPAC representatives have testified at the series of public hearings being conducted by assembly members and state senators. Final legislative action on reapportionment is expected this fall, in time for the 1992 elections.▼



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New income law cuts access to free AIDS drugs in California

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- A state law enacted last year went into effect in California March 15 lowering the income eligibility for free state-paid AZT and aerosolized pentamidine from \$44,000 to \$26,540 per year.

The new law requires that people infected with HIV who begin treatment with either drug and who earn over \$26,540 per year must now pay between several hundred dollars and \$400 a month for the medications, the principle medicines used in fighting HIV and pneumocystis pneumonia.

The income eligibility shift came

about after the state's budget for AIDS medications was cut last year in a money crunch from \$12 million to \$9 million. State health officials could not estimate how many people with HIV infections in California the new income requirements might affect except to acknowledge that it would be "several thousand."

But local health officials and AIDS activists said the new legislation puts people stricken with the disease in an unacceptable financial situation. "The law gives incentive to patients to impoverish themselves to get free access to these drugs," said Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of the San Francisco Health Department's Office of AIDS. ▼

AIDS update ...

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

AZT seized in raid on Florida AIDS agency

ORLANDO, Fla. -- Florida state police raided the office of Trans-AID and the home of its director, Alfredo Martinez-Garcia, Thursday, March 7, seizing several boxes containing thousands of doses of AZT and other medications, and claimed Martinez-Garcia was illegally dispensing the AIDS medications. Martinez-Garcia adamantly denied the charge, claiming that other, unnamed AIDS agencies in the state were behind the raids in an attempt to discredit his agency and increase their chances of getting federal grants. Martinez-Garcia is one of Central Florida's best known gay activists and Trans-AID is one of the state's most prominent AIDS support agencies. Agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement conducted the simultaneous raids last week, confiscating the boxes of AZT and other medicines from the Trans-AID offices and Martinez-Garcia's home as evidence. State police officials said they would ask the attorney general to charge Martinez-Garcia, 43, with dispensing medicine without a license, a felony.

Multi-lingual AIDS newsletter begins in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO -- In an effort to reach ethnic minority communities that are increasingly effected by the AIDS epidemic, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation has begun publishing a new multi-lingual newsletter digest called "Positive News" in Cantonese, Tagalog and Spanish here. It is believed to be the first multi-language regular AIDS news publication in the country. The publication developed out of a growing perception that important medical news about HIV care and treatment options was not reaching the City's ethnic communities, according to AIDS Foundation executive director Pat Christen.

"Positive News" is aimed at the City's large Chinese, Filipino and Spanish-speaking communities and is designed to "provide that information in a culturally sensitive manner," Christen said.

The publication is also being supported by the Asian AIDS Project, Clinica Esperanza and the Filipino AIDS TASK Force which will both contribute material to the monthly newsletter and help distribute in neighborhoods here with large ethnic populations.

Injunction in false advertising suit against "Immune Plus"

SAN FRANCISCO -- In a lawsuit brought last month by the Federal Trade Commission, U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson granted the government a temporary injunction against three companies promoting a nutrition supplement known as Immune Plus was being falsely advertised as helpful in fighting AIDS.

Judge Henderson issued the temporary injunction Tuesday, March 5, against True Health Inc. of Utah, International White Cross Inc., and AMW Advertising Agency, both of Texas.

The FTC suit accused the firms of unfair and deceptive advertising, claiming ads for Immune Plus had cited a purported clinical study on the effectiveness of their product. According to the FTC suit, however, Immune Plus consists of vitamins, minerals and fatty acids that have never been clinically shown to be effective in fighting AIDS.

In court documents filed by Alan Weiss, AMW Advertising Agency denied that it had ever claimed the product could cure AIDS and charged the government's lawsuit was motivated by unspecified "political reasons."

The temporary injunction will be in effect until a complete hearing and judgment in the case be made.

Buddy Connection

This fun, sex-positive workshop uses exercises, videos and tips on safe and pleasurable sex to encourage men to take charge and eliminate unsafe sex. *Buddy Connections* are held from 7-9 p.m. at the SAF Training Space, 1900 K Street, Suite 200, Sacramento. You'll be glad you came!

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Sock it to your significant other

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

DETROIT, Mich. -- If organizers of the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project's (MAPP) latest safe-sex campaign have anything to say about it, the best way to make sure you're always prepared to have a safe, hot time is by putting your best foot forward. And to do that, MAPP has launched a national campaign to market its latest safe-sex novelty item, "Safe Sox."

The Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP), a non-profit agency that develops and operates AIDS prevention and safe-sex educational programs in the five-state Great Lakes region, launched the campaign over Valentine's Day as part of National Condom Week. It makes "being prepared" as simple as slipping on your sox in the morning.

"Safe Sox" have a small velcro-flapped pocket on one ankle including - what else? - a brightly

colored, lubricated condom. The sox - but not the condoms - come in two sizes (7-11 and 10-15) in black, white, or white with pink trim and the "Safe Sox" logo on the pocket and retail for \$6 a pair plus \$1 for shipping and handling.

MAPP president Craig Covey said the agency is also marketing the gift item for those who'd like to "get a leg up" to other AIDS education and prevention agencies around the country in bulk as a local fundraising item. The pocket, for those who want to avoid extra bulges in their pants, are also roomy enough for items like keys, money, or credit cards, and the sox themselves will keep your tootsies warm until you get your Tootsie hot. "Safe Sox" join a whole sub-market of novelty and gift items that have evolved over the past few years to bring both a practical and imaginative safe-sex message to the general public, including things like t-shirts with condom pockets in the sleeves,

underwear with similar small pockets stitched in, condom greeting cards, and even safe-sex earrings with replaceable condoms hooked to them.

Such gifts, AIDS educators say, help get the safe-sex message painlessly and practically across to consumers.

"MAPP and other AIDS educators are always looking for different, practical and creative approaches to convey the serious message of safe sex to the general public," Covey says. "Safe sex is now as easy as putting on your sox." MAPP also markets other educational items in addition to the new "Safe Sox," including posters, buttons, condoms, and a condom gift-wrap, ideal for packaging presents in the safest way possible.

The agency's gift items can be ordered by calling (800) MAPP-SOX (627-7769) during regular business hours. ▼

AIDS Action Council launches grassroots lobby

AIDS Action Council, the national AIDS lobby, has launched a new, year-long project to develop a grassroots network of Americans concerned about AIDS. Dan Bross, Executive Director of AIDS Action, said, "The aim of the AIDS Action Network is to develop a quick-response citizen lobby to generate hundreds of phone calls

and letters to federal officials as urgent policy issues arise. It will supplement the work of both professional lobbyists on Capitol Hill and AIDS activists in the streets. The Network can help the AIDS community win many of the tough battles ahead."

The AIDS Action Network will rely on existing local networks es-

tablished by frontline AIDS service providers, and will facilitate the flow of information both to and from Washington. AIDS Action Council currently represents over 500 community-based AIDS service organizations, providing the foundation for the Network. ▼

FEC investigates ACT UP's Marlboro/Miller boycott

by Nathan Shreve
OF MGW STAFF

Prompted by the Conservative Campaign Fund (CCF), the Federal Election Committee (FEC) is investigating ACT UP/San Francisco, ACT UP/Washington D.C., the Dallas Gay Alliance and the Tarrant County (Texas) Gay Alliance for allegedly forming a Marlboro & Miller Beer Boycott "conspiracy" to defeat Jesse Helms' re-election as U.S. Senator from North Carolina.

"Consumer boycotts are a form of protected speech, and we believe the FEC investigation serves no purpose other than to harass lesbian, gay and AIDS activists," states ACT UP/San Francisco. "In the investigation, some of the FEC's questions deal with the boycott, but others are intrusive demands for information of a political nature."

ACT UP claims that Helms and his supporters have used the FEC as "an instrument to harass lesbian, gay and AIDS activists, and that this is an affront to freedom of expression, an abuse of due process and a dangerous escalation in the politics of repression

on the part of the Executive Branch." If you agree that the FEC's investigation is a biased attack upon the lesbian, gay and AIDS activist groups, it is urged that you write to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, John Warren McGarry, 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463. Your message should emphasize that the investigation of ACT UP consti-

tutes harassment of a grassroots political organization fighting the AIDS pandemic, that the investigation supports Jesse Helms' attack on gay and AIDS organizations, that the investigation infringes upon the constitutional rights to organize consumer boycotts or voice political opposition, that the harassment stop and the investigation be dropped. ▼



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HIV newsline updates ...

by Sonya Cox
MGW HIV EDITOR

Promising research findings...

* Scientists at UC-San Francisco say that 15 percent of the HIV-positive men they've been following for 11 years are still symptom-free with healthy immune systems (one man has been symptom-free for 13 years). The research was set up to study the CD8 immune system cell in men infected prior to 1980. Of that number (in addition to the 15 percent who are still healthy!), 6 percent now have weakened immune systems but still have no symptoms, 32 percent have ARC or AIDS, and 47 percent over the past 11 years have died.

* Peptide T, the controversial therapy that many say has been ignored because other therapies are more lucrative, has finally become the subject of a major study. 150 people in Los Angeles will now test the synthetic protein in a trial conducted by the National Institutes of Health. It's hoped that Peptide T can block HIV infection of T-cells through continuous intravenous treatments.

* The Arizona Cancer Center says a French drug, didiocrab significantly reduced opportunistic infections in 389 people with HIV tested over a limited six-month period. Eight communities in the U.S. participated in the test which used placebos on half the group. Of the 191 with full-blown AIDS receiving the true didiocrab, there were only 10 cases of new opportunistic infections, while 21 of the group receiving the placebo developed AIDS infections. The researchers say the drug probably warrants further evaluation with more people in more trials, it appears safe to take, and it appears at this time to prevent the onset of

opportunistic infections in some people.

* The special Kaposi's sarcoma issue of AIDS TREATMENT NEWS is available free by calling 1-800-873-2812. Also ask for the November 23 issue of this John James newsletter about DDC/AZT combination therapy.

* Sacramento AIDS physician Neil Flynn spoke at the AIDS Foundation's recent Healthy Living program about HIV treatment issues. He said PCP pneumonia is now preventable to a great extent and that break-through episodes for those on aerosolized pentamidine for long periods of time can be treated with a variety of medications. He emphasized that, for those who are not allergic to sulfa, Bactrim is the better drug to take because it treats the entire body, not just the lower lungs. On the subject of combination therapies, he said he is attending a conference devoted exclusively to this subject in late April and will have specific details for us upon his return. At this time, however, he hopes for early approval of both DDI and DDC and expects that combining these medications with AZT, or in fact with one another, will allow longer and healthier lives for people with AIDS in Sacramento and elsewhere. He said after 18 months to two years, AZT begins to become ineffective in many people and can then be alternated or combined with DDI or DDC. Signs of AZT failure include rapidly declining T-helper cells (they drop at a rate of about 100 per year in most people with HIV), loss of control of ARC symptoms such as night sweats or weight loss, or a raised P-24 antigen level. He said that occasionally DDI and DDC can bring back seizures in people who had them as children. They don't cause seizures in people who have never had them. He said

there's good news now in the treatment of mycobacterium avium complex, which strikes up to 80 percent of people with AIDS, usually after they've had other infections. This bacteria, which can occur in any part of the body, can now be treated with a combination of four medications, with a 90 percent control rate within 3-6 months.

Changes in direction...

* Los Angeles County supervisors voted, after four years of debate, to let county health workers distribute condoms and needle-cleaning bleach kits to IV drug users.

* The Centers for Disease Control changed its guidelines on AIDS counseling, now saying that all women who live in high-risk communities should be offered counseling. Surveys recently revealed that over a third of women with HIV have no idea how they became infected.

Transfusions of logic needed ...

Twenty percent of Americans still think they can get HIV by donating blood. Prior to 1985, about 20,000 people became infected by RECEIVING infected blood, but there has never been a case of anyone becoming infected with HIV -- or anything else -- by GIVING blood.

Industrial spying ...

In one of the largest industrial espionage cases ever, two scientists have been convicted of trying to sell the formula for interferon, which has shown promise in treating HIV conditions. Unfortunately, they tried to sell it to an FBI agent.

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her continuing contributions to its content.▼

HIV testing of convicted prostitute and customers can begin state court says

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- The California Supreme Court has refused to review a lower court ruling that challenges a state law requiring convicted prostitutes and their customers to be tested for HIV and requires tougher sentences for those who test positive and are subsequently convicted again.

On Thursday, March 14, the high court justices refused to review the appeal of April Love and 10 other convicted prostitutes who said the 1988 law violates their constitutional rights of privacy. The state Court of Appeal had rejected the women's suit late last year and ruled that the law was constitutional because the threat to public outweighed the prostitutes' privacy rights.

The lawsuit is the first case to

challenge the law, which applies to anyone convicted of any sexually-related offense. The law does not require stiffer sentences for anyone testing positive after a first conviction. But any subsequent sexually-related charges would be treated as a felony. The maximum sentence for prostitution under California law is now not more than six months' imprisonment. Under the new law, HIV-positive prostitutes could be, on any subsequent conviction, sentenced up to three years in state prison. The law was only enforced in San Francisco one day - on Sept. 10, 1990 - before the Supreme Court issued a temporary stay of the law as a result of the lawsuit against it. That temporary order is now no longer in effect, and City law enforcement officials say they will soon begin routine HIV testing of anyone convicted of a sexually-related crime.▼

AIDS documentary wins Peabody Award for Rotarians

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

LOS ALTOS, Calif. -- "The Los Altos Story," a documentary based on the personal impact of three people stricken with AIDS produced by the Los Altos Rotary Club has been awarded a Peabody Broadcasting Award, the electronic media's equivalent of the Pulitzer Prizes.

The documentary follows three men connected with the Los Altos chapter of the club who have been affected by the epidemic, beginning with club member Walter Singer's announcement at a 1989 club meeting that he had contracted AIDS. Another Los Altos Rotarian, Greg Betts, shortly afterward told his fellow club members he also had contracted the disease.

A third Rotarian, Dushan Angius, known as "Mr. Rotary" because of his promotion of the club in community affairs, convinced the local club to begin "The Los Altos Story" after learning that his son, Steve, had come down with AIDS. The video began production on the day of his son's death. The documentary won an ACE Award earlier this year, the cable television prize equivalent to an Emmy, in the public affairs category. The Los Altos Rotary Club is now raising funds to distribute copies of the video to the more than 25,000 Rotary Clubs throughout the United States. Singer said on hearing of the Peabody Award, "People do care. Hopefully, we'll be able to educate all Rotarians about this disease."▼

Lesbian non-biological parent denied child visitation rights

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- The California Court of Appeal dealt a blow to lesbian and gay couples' relationships Thursday, March 22, in ruling that a non-biological, non-adoptive parent of children in same-sex relationships have no legal rights in future child rearing once a couple breaks up.

The court unanimously ruled in a visitation case between two women that the woman, identified only as Michele G., who was not the biological parent of two children Nancy S. had by artificial insemination during their relationship, had no custody, visitation or other rights after their 15-year relationship ended in 1985. The three-judge panel ruled that acting as a parent "on a day-to-

day basis ... is not the equivalent of a natural or adoptive parent and does not include the right to custody or visitation over the natural mother's objections."

Despite the ruling, the court maintained that the issues raised in the case were more appropriately matters for the Legislature to resolve rather than the courts.

Paula Ettelbrick, a Lambda legal Defense & Education Fund attorney who represented Michele G. in the case, called the ruling "devastating" for "anyone who is not biologically related to a child."

But Carol Amyx, the attorney representing Nancy S. in the dispute, said, "I don't think people should be allowed to become parents in any way other than the ways they can now - that is, naturally or by adoption."

Earlier this month, New York State's highest court began hearing arguments in a similar visitation battle between two women, weighing the rights of the non-biological partner in the child's future. Ettelbrick is also representing one of the women in that case as well. She said denying children visitation from a primary caregiver in such cases "would deny significant parent-child relationships that may be in the best interest of the child, which is what this is supposed to be all about."

The New York case is the first same-sex parent dispute to reach a state high court, and it was uncertain whether Michele G. in the San Francisco case would appeal the Thursday ruling to the California Supreme Court or not.▼

No condoms at Ukiah High School prom

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

UKIAH, Calif. -- The school board here rejected a proposal by members of the Ukiah High School's junior class to pass out condoms at the upcoming school prom citing fears that such a move might put them in a position of breaking state laws against "corrupting the morals" of minors.

Junior class officers made the proposal to distribute condoms to the 639 juniors and seniors at the June prom after discussions with principal Phil Gray. Student offi-

cers said the prom, like thousands of others around the country, is a night many students have sex and they wanted to do what they could to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS.

Despite initial support by several school board trustees, however, the board voted 6-1 against allowing the condom distribution at the prom. Peggy Smart, the only trustee to vote in favor of the proposal, said she not only thought condoms should be distributed at the prom but that the school should have them available for students year-round.▼

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news clips

by Nathan Shreve
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City officials ban man from home

Bossier, LA city officials are banning a man from his home if he continues to pursue turning it into a gay information group center. The city says they are not discriminating against him because he's gay, but because his property is not properly zoned. -Shreveport Journal

Openly gay man sworn in Massachusetts

Michael Duffy, a 27 year old gay activist, was sworn in as the first gay commissioner of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination by Massachusetts's Governor Bill Weld. Weld has promised to grant other high-level positions to openly gay persons.

Illinois prison relents on book banning

After a long administrative battle, the Illinois Department of Corrections has rescinded its ban of an interracial gay novel from state prisons. Last year, the department had ruled that Larry Duplechan's novel Eight Days A Week was obscene and had no value in literary, artistic, political or scientific means, but their minds were changed when the publisher informed them that there was no law that deemed the book obscene.

- Alyson Publications

Court rules domestic violence include gays

In the first known case of its kind, an Ohio appellate court ruled that the state's domestic violence law must be interpreted to cover lesbian and gay partners. In so ruling, the court concluded that the legislature intended for the statute to ensure the protection of cohabitating persons, regardless of their sex. The case arose when Ellensara Evans filed criminal charges against and sought protection from her domestic partner Carol Hadinger, for domestic violence. Domestic laws traditionally provide special procedures to protect those who are abused by someone with whom they live.

Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act reintroduced

With 93 lawmakers behind it, plus more signing on a regular basis, the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act was recently reintroduced into the 102nd Congress. The bill is a cornerstone piece of lesbian and gay civil rights law that lobbyists have pledged to pass this decade. The bill now has 83 sponsors in the House and 11 in the Senate. Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) are chief sponsors and introduced the bill.

Doctor not liable in penis implant suit

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., A jury has ruled that a Fort Lauderdale doctor did not botch a 1987 penile implant

that left the patient's penis tilting 90 degrees to the right. The plaintiff, Robert Martinique, who's in his early 40's, complained of "right angulation", pain and inability to have sex. He said that one doctor told him that he risked having his penis explode if he tried to have sex. -San Francisco Chronicle

Soviet labor camps worse for gays

In Soviet labor camps, gays are treated as second class citizens, especially those convicted under the anti-sodomy statute. This statute only criminalizes anal sex between men, but it carries a five year maximum sentence.

-Chicago Outlines

Heavy Metal goes heavy homo

Helot revolt is the first openly gay heavy metal band, and they are made up of four rowdy and openly queer male studs. They have become quite noticeable for their public display of groping, grunting and lewd, gaily physical conduct.

-Advocate

Gays protest Carl's Jr

Despite intensive lobbying by gay rights activists, a student dominated board at UC Riverside has recommended that Carl's Jr be allowed to negotiate for a fast food operation on the campus. Carl's Jr's chief executive, Carl Karcher, has been a long standing supporter of conservative politicians who do not support the gay population.

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GLAAD award names announced

The *San Francisco Examiner* will be among those honored by San Francisco GLAAD (Gay and Lesbians Alliance Against Defamation) April 21 at its First Annual GLAAD Media Awards. The newspaper is being recognized for its overall coverage of gay news and its many editorials recognizing the rights of gay people. Similar award events will be held on the same day by GLAAD in Los Angeles and New York.

Two gay publishers will also be recognized during the awards ceremony -- Alan Bell for founding and editing *BLK* magazine and Kim Corsaro, *Bay Times*, "for the thoughtful inclusion of all aspects of our diverse community."

Former Iowan, San Francisco Sheriff Mike Hennessey, will accept an award for the *Des Moines Register*. The *Register* published a series of positive articles, "Gay in Iowa," in October.

A tribute will be paid to Daniel Mangin for his continuing series of City College lesbian and gay film courses and to motion picture producers Marlon Riggs ("*Tongues Untied*") and Peter Adair ("*Absolutely Positive*").

Gay radio personalities David Lample, Carmen Vasquez, and Ken McPherson will be honored. The staff of KQED-TV under program director Carol Pierson will be recognized for their lesbian and gay coverage.

Columnist Mike Hippler will be cited for the compilation of his Bay Area Reporter columns in the book, *So Little Time*. He will be joined by reporter Angelo Figueroa (*San Francisco Examiner*), acknowledged for his news coverage of the domestic partners Valentine's Day event at City Hall. Two reporters, Roy Aarons (*Oakland Tribune*) and Mary Mazzocco (*Contra Costa Times*) will be honored for their lesbian and gay news coverage.

The GLAAD Awards Committee had considerable difficulty in selecting among the many lesbian and gay photographers and comedians. Those chosen this year to be honored -- photographers Darlene and Rink and comedians Tom Ammann, Marga Gomez, Marilyn Pittman, Danny Williams, and Karen Williams.

Frank Ortiz, a Castro store owner ("*Does Your Mother Know*") will receive a thank you from GLAAD.

When Ortiz was informed that an employee was placing racist greeting cards in his store, he condemned and halted the practice.

Homophobia "onions" will be announced for some of those in the media who practiced homophobia. Radio talk host Rush Limbaugh and comedian Gallagher are included.

GLAAD is in its fourth year in San Francisco. The group strives for fair and diverse coverage of lesbians and gays in the media and works to combat anti-gay defamation on daily basis. It does this through personal meetings with media journalists and corporate executives, letter writing, public education meetings, a phone tree, and demonstrations.

The GLAAD award ceremonies in other cities are at banquets. The local organization is presenting its awards at a free, informal public ceremony. The event will be on Sunday, April 21, 7pm, at 347 Dolores Street (near 16th). ▽

Modern maturity? Opera news...

Several years ago, Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) approached Modern Maturity magazine, hoping to use it as a national outreach. Instead, the magazine refused to accept SAGE's advertising, by claiming it was "objectionable." In response to a recent letter requesting coverage of issues pertaining to lesbian and gay seniors, Modern Maturity published a batch of homophobic letters. A sample of that writing: "Gay? What's gay about them, with their nasty diseases and vile habits. If you start to cater to them, you can count me out of the AARP." (AARP is the American Association of Retired Persons, which publishes the magazine.) Demand that lesbian and gay senior issues are covered in a comprehensive, ongoing manner; and to stop reinforcing negative stereotypes. Write J. Henry Fenwick, executive editor, Modern Maturity, 3200 East Carson St., Lakewood, 90712.

In February *Opera News* published a letter from R.D. Bulos of New York in which he writes "Your story about Wayne Turnage was indeed touching... I feel the article was out of place, however... Undue sympathy for a person who has undergone the ravages of a disease brought upon himself by his own disordered actions (unlike the victims of cancer and heart disease, who may be termed innocent in strictly moral terms) is a slap in the face of persons who are trying to live their lives according to nature's laws. And one law of nature is that active homosexuality is a perversion. The message has been given to us loud and clear and continues unabated, that our homosexual brethren have got to stop having sex..." Express your outrage to Opera News, The Metropolitan Opera Guild, Inc., 70 Lincoln Center Plaza, N.Y. 10023-6593.

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responses on the census forms and with concerns over the confidentiality of the census data, the number of same-sex "unmarried partner" households may be drastically undercounted when the 1990 data finally does become available. A 1990 survey by "Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples," however, indicated that 93 percent of the couples responding in 1988-89 would declare themselves

"unmarried partners" on the census form.

In the meantime, the Census Bureau's closest approximation to data is its annual current population survey counts of the number of unmarried couple household with two unrelated adults of the same sex. Based on the 1989 survey, Arlene Saluter of the Census Bureau's marriage and family statistics division said there were

1,629,000 such households in the U.S. out of a total 92,830,000 total households in the country.

The figures, of course, cannot be used as an estimate of the number of lesbian/gay population since non-couples would not be included in the 1,629,000 figure and that figure would also include non-gay same-sex individuals merely sharing housing together. ▽

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An earlier Helms attempt to completely bar such services was struck down in 1989 by the U.S. Supreme Court as an unconstitutional violation of the First Amendment because the earlier law was overly broad. In making its 1989 ruling, however, the Supreme Court made it clear that legislation that narrowly restricted access to minors without infringing on the rights of adults to get access to such telephone services would be constitutionally acceptable.

The 1990 District Court decision

in New York is itself already on appeal to the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court. If that ruling conflicts with the 9th Circuit Court ruling here last week, the issue would be forced to the Supreme Court again.

Earl N. Selby, a Palo Alto, Calif., attorney who challenged the law for his clients, the Information Providers' Coalition for Defense of the First Amendment, said the disputed regulations would effectively "pull the plug" on the industry by forcing people to presubscribe to the telephone services

through local phone companies.

"People don't want to put their names on a list maintained by the phone company of those who want access to the services," Selby said. He said when the Atlantic Bell Company began requiring similar customer pre-sign-ups in 1988, the companies in its region went out of business "almost overnight" because customers didn't trust the phone company to have lists of subscribers. ▽

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development projections. "There are many types of families which should be recognized and respected as well as foster parent and domestic partners options. Sexual orientation should include heterosexuality, homosexuality and bi-sexuality and we need to give guidance and support to educators in dealing with sexual orientation issues -- including name-calling, self-esteem and relationships. We're talking about a realistic model here including all

configurations of relationships not just marriage," Wilson testified.

Lance Fortin, representing the TVC said his group is in opposition to the inclusive approach to the gay and lesbian community stating they're "alarmed because it would promote homosexuality and non-monogamous sex." Fortin also attacked the Kinsey Report as a fraud and called for a program which "only promotes the heterosexual ethic of monogamy and fidelity." ▼

New women's group is "SLCC"

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- An exciting, new lesbian organization is currently being formed in Sacramento. A diverse group of women joined to create the group which is called Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC, pronounced 'Slick'). The group is unique in several ways -- it is a membership organization and, according to its founders, will be an "out" group. "That's why we have the word lesbian in the name," said Donna Yutzy, Executive Director of Sacramento's Lambda Center. "Individuals don't have to be out to be members but the organization itself is and will be an out lesbian organization," Yutzy said. Later, the group intends to create "honorary lesbians" a title which will be bestowed upon both women and men -- and men will be welcome at group events.

According to a press release issued by the charter members on Tuesday, April 2, "SLCC will ac-

tively work to promote a positive image of lesbians while empowering its members to take activist roles in local and state politics. The group is committed to portraying the diversity of the lesbian community through all venues of media and public relations."

A distinct sense of humor was evident in the proposed names for the group which ranged from scatological to meaningful. CLOUT (California Lesbians -OUT) was already taken and LOIS (Lesbians Out In Sacramento) although a popular choice was deemed "too identified with the wimpy image of a woman always needing to be saved," i.e. Lois Lane of Superman fame.

Charter member, Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) Lobby said, "I believe we need an organization like SLCC because over the last five years we've articulated a lesbian agenda nationally. We need a visible presence here in the capital to articulate

those concerns locally. Lesbians have traditionally shown that they can take leadership positions in building coalitions that go beyond single issue interests. An organization like SLCC can play a very important role politically in working with the feminist, gay and people of color communities in order to build those coalitions."

Another member said, "We've always said we're everywhere -- now the time has come for us to be visible. It's time for tradeswomen and professional women to join as sisters and identify our issues, fight for our causes and support our candidates."

Yutzy said SLCC will promote positive self-esteem in its membership by producing social, professional and networking events. "The charter members all agree that SLCC will actively empower lesbians, promote lesbian visibility and develop lesbian political power," she said. ▼

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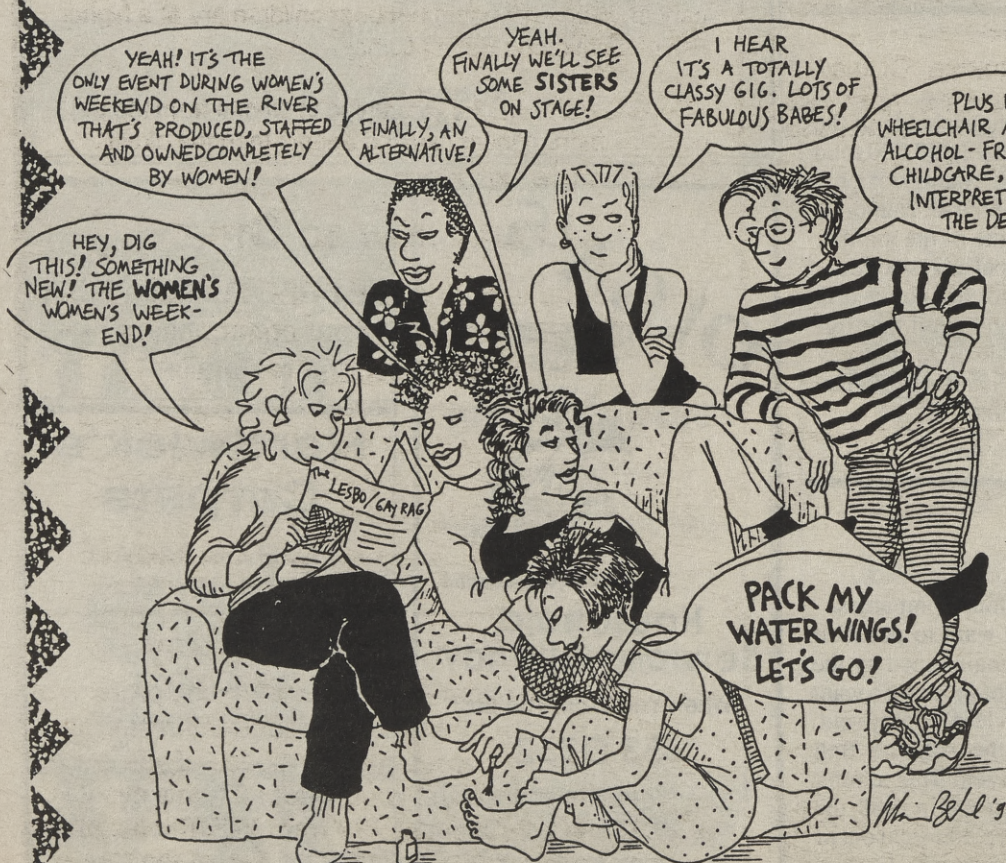
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(For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.)

SHORTHAND the mid-month Flash column will be shorter this time around. All is a flurry as we reach deadline after deadline, commitment after commitment. Read on for a few "quick ones" on what is happening

- **Congrats to Doug Brown** on being selected to the post of Executive Director for the California Small Business Association (CSBA). In a detailed *Sacramento Bee* newspaper account, it states that Brown's timing and talents made all the difference in his promotion
- **The River City Democratic Club's (RCDC)** eighth anniversary celebration at Faces was well attended and included many dignitaries. Kudos are in order to this amazing organization and their many accomplishments. The members were in political heaven as Phil Angelides, new chair of the California Democratic Party, was

there. **Patti Mattingly**, candidate for the California State Senate, was there. So was **Heather Fargo**, Sacramento City Councilmember; **Gary Miller**, Robla School Board member; **Jean Harris**, president of San Francisco's Harvey Milk Democratic Club. Former RCDC presidents **Ken Topper** and **Karl Greene** were there along with **Judy Ludwick** and **Lou Camara**, current honchos of the organization

- The campaigning is going strong (at press time) for this year's Empress and Emperor. **Lady Garnet** and **Leonard Harris** were seen at the RCDC anniversary party benefit and the following day at the **Lambda Players** benefit at **Ambrose Heath**. This couple has been making the rounds with incredible enthusiasm. Candidates **KC** and **Miss Robby** also have quite the appearance schedule. They were last seen working the brunch crowd at **Joseph's Town & Country (JTC)**. The show-down all concludes on April 13 when voting commences at the



Joey Claytor of Music by Joey's at their the first anniversary celebration at the Shangri-La.

photo by Kate Tavares

Lambda Center. The court has never been more visible

- **Music by Joey** wants to send a thank you to the 300 folks who made the first anniversary party such a huge success. Thanks especially to **Moment of Touch**, **Bangs Hair Studio**, **Greta's** and **Max's Opera Cafe** for donating prizes. The next dance event is April 27 at the **Shangri-La**. Stay tuned for all the details on a dance cruise aboard the **River City Queen** July 20
- **The SAF Healthy Living Series** continues with the **Buddy Connection/91** safe sex workshop on April 19th
- A recent *San Francisco Chronicle* story had an unusual twist. It mentions that *The Village Voice* reports a New York station, WNYC-TV, is making plans for a fall show, "In the Life," targeted to gay and lesbian viewers. Producer John Scagliotti told the *Voice* that the program will be a "cross between '60 Minutes' and a gay version of the old 'Ed Sullivan Show.'"
 - A brief greeting, brief notes and a brief closing! Until May, stay involved **John**▼

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The beginning of the end

by Hal Griffiths
OF MGW STAFF

The voting is over and all that's left to do in the reign of the Diamond Solitaire is celebrate.

Not that the last weeks of the Empress's time haven't been busy ones for her.

As the emcee for Stockton's out of town show with Jacqui Jewels of the City and Alameda's Trampolina Lopez (where do they get these names?) the merriment was continuous. Stockton and visiting courts were favorably impressed by the talent representative of CGNIE. The reigning crowned heads of the Province of Chico, Steve and Claudette, as well as Sacramento's Shondra and Chantal all gave great performances.

The ball, a musical salute to the 50's and 60's, was an impressive display of entertainment. The Stockton court had a very successful year. There is best wishes for continued greatness to the new monarchs, Greg and Chantilly.

Vannah also spent a Saturday evening in Fresno to honor Bill and Jaime from L.A. It was, as they all have been, a great trip to the Big Raisin. The people of Fresno really know how to party.

As coronation approaches, there are many celebrations planned. An in town show is slated for the showroom at Joseph's on Thursday, April 18, at 8pm.

In honor of the Empress, a show by visiting monarchs will be held on Friday the 19th. This will be upstairs at the Town House at 10pm. Vannah reminds the public that this show at the Imperial Watering Hole is open to everyone. It's a great way to meet many of the people that come from all over for this event.

Coronation will be on Saturday, April 20. The doors at Turn Verin Hall (33rd and J) will open at 6pm with the ball beginning promptly at 7. Remember that Vannah has run on time at her functions all this year.

Besides the ball festivities, the court performances and fun, Empress Vannah has invited some excellent talent, including a very interesting Command Performance planned by Jeffery Cary, Mr. Gay San Francisco. The Empress tries to have a variety of talents to entertain as many of her guests as possible.

The biggest event of the evening will be answering the question: Who will be Emperor and Empress XVIII?

On Sunday the 21st, you may meet the new monarchs at the Victory Brunch being held at Faces. Brunch starts at 11am and Empress Vannah will give out awards, plaques and parting remarks at noon. ▼

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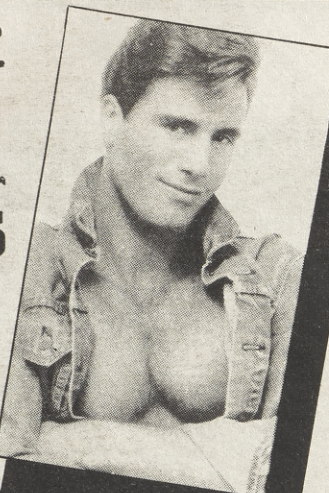
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Monday 15

Ballroom & Western Dance mini-course continues; John Batchelor 453-8991.

Women's Rap & Social, "Lesbians & Children," 7pm, Lambda Comm. Center, 20th & L, 442-0185.

Tuesday 16

"For Play," Joseph's Town & Country, 9pm, \$3; 649-9248.

P-FLAG, showing & discussion of "Partners," 7:30pm, St. Marks United Methodist Church; 665-1050.

BGLAD presents "Stories From The Quilt," 11am, 12:30pm, Mee Room, UCD; also 2, 3:30pm, Activities Room, UCD; 758-2238, 758-8805.

BGLAD presents "Movie Night," 7:30pm, 198 Young Hall, UCD; 758-2238, 758-8805.

"Being Gay Today," 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

Wednesday 17

Kingsley Art Club Lecture, Sacramento's Architectural Environment: Then & Now, Crocker Art Museum Forum, 1:30, pm 487-2774.

BGLAD presents "Bisexuals Soak Out!" CLUB workshop, Noon; 758-2238, 758-8805.

Karla Grant presents "Out to Protect Ourselves," workshop 7:30pm, King Lounge, UCD; 758-2238, 758-8805.

Lambda Center Board of Directors Meeting, public invited; 5:45pm, 441-0185.

Thursday 18

"Best of the Festival of Animation," Crest Theatre, thru April 21; 44-CREST.

"Symposium on Paranormal Phenomena," Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 456-5685, 489-7503, reservations required.

The In Town Show Awards, 8pm, Joseph's Town & Country, 649-9248.

Marga Gomez's Memory Tricks preview, 8pm, The Marsh; 415-641-0235; thru May 19; reception: April 19, 8pm.

BGLAD presents "Building Community/Gaining Visibility" rally with Alan Lofaso & Donna Yutzy, noon, Freeborn Plaza, UCD; 758-2238, 758-8805.

BGLAD presents "Eat Your Art Out," 7:30pm, Activities Room, UCD; 758-2238, 758-8805.

GLAS, 8:30-10pm, CSUS Social Science building, room 236; topic: "Bisexuality," Jennifer 456-3469 or Brian 927-8661.

"Being Gay Today," 9pm, Cable Channel 63.

Friday 19

Wild West Stampede, Auburn Fairgrounds, thru April 21; 889-2825.

Sacramento Ballet, Carmina Burana, 8pm; Convention Center Theater, 449-5181.

PACHANGA! potluck, "Friends of the Family" awards, BGLAD, King Lounge, 7:30pm, 758-2238, 758-8805.

The Experience workshop, for info 481-0105.

SACWN Women in Business Faire, Sierra Inn, 2600 Auburn Blvd, 6:30-9:30pm, 486-8985.

California NOW State Conference 1991, Sacramento; 442-3414.

Saturday 20

Anna Jackard, M.A. "Just the Two of Us," Lessons in Relationship; 3-hour workshop, \$25/prepaid per person; 485-6392; limited to 20 people.

Sacramento Ballet, Carmina Burana,

2pm, 8pm; Convention Center Theater, 449-5181.

American Bonzai Flower Show, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 443-9413, April 21 also.

Living History Days, Sutter Fort, 10am-4pm; 445-4422, April 21 also.

San Francisco Opera: "Carmen" with the Sendai Orchestra, Patrick Summers; 415-864-3330; April 21 also.

"Color It Lavender" picnic day, BGLAD, UCD; 758-2238, 758-8805.

Improv Comedy at The Guild Coffee House, \$5; 442-RSVP.

12th Annual Evaluation & Appraisal Day, Crocker Art Museum, 10am-3:30pm, \$7/item or \$20/3 items; 449-5423.

Joyce Diamond & Friends in concert, Sobon Estate; 209-267-0211.

Coronation '91, A Multi-Media Event, Turn Verin Hall, 6pm; 421-3134.

Valley Knights Motorcycle Club Overnight Spring Run, thru April 21; Mike 455-6540.

Sunday 21

Spiritual Healing and Reading Festival, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 12noon-5pm; 489-7503, 456-5685.

Aveda Cut-A-Thon, reduced-price haircuts to benefit Global Relief; 444-3533.

Sutter Street Flea Market, Folsom; 622-7349.

Classical Pops, Sacramento Symphony, 3pm; 649-0300.

Concert: Brian Gardner, Joan Engel; Crocker Art Museum Ballroom, 3pm; 449-5423.

Monday 22

"Spiritual Healing Practices," Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 7pm, free will donation; 456-489-7503 reservations.

WEAVE volunteer orientations, 6pm, 448-2321.

SARTA presents "Marketing Your Theatre," 7pm, free, Sacramento Theatre Co., 1419 H St.; 923-3303.

Classical Pops, Sacramento Symphony, 7:30pm, 649-0300.

Committee on the Status of Women, General Meeting; 445-3173.

Women's Rap Group, "The Dating Game," 7-9pm, Lambda Center; 442-0185.

Tuesday 23

Sac. Black Women's Network, 3rd Annual Between us SISTUHS, Sac. City College, all day, fee; Cynthia 427-SBWN.

"Being Gay Today," 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

"Sexual Energy," 7pm, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, \$20; 456-5685, 489-7503.

"Networking & Positive Empowerment," 8:30am, \$3, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 456-5685, 489-7503.

Sac. Lesbian & Gay Town Council meeting, 7:30pm, Lambda Comm. Center; 442-0185.

SARTA presents "Creating Sound for Theatrical Productions," 7pm, CSUS, Speech & Drama Bldg., 6000 J St., Sac.; 925-3303.

Wednesday 24

National Lesbian Rights Conference, Atlanta, GA thru April 28; 442-3414.

World Day for Animals in Laboratories, UCD, rally; 12noon; silent march: 12:45pm; unveil memorial: 1:30pm; sponsored by Animal Allies.

SARTA presents "Beginning Acting for Young People," 7pm, Sierra 2 Center, 925-3303 for reservations.

Another Ripped Levi Party, Country Corral, Joseph's Town & Country, 7pm; 649-9248.

Thursday 25

"Being Gay Today," 9pm, Cable Channel 63.

GLAS, 8:30-10pm, CSUS Social Science building, room 236; final potluck; 927-8661.

SARTA presents "Auditioning for Musical Theatre," 7:30pm, Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael; 925-3303.

Concert to benefit UCD: David Bruebeck, Sacramento Medical Center, 6:30, 978-BASS.

San Francisco Opera: Kristine Jepson, LeRoy Villanueva; 415864-3330; April 27-28 also.

Friday 26

"Amadeus Ball" San Francisco Opera Guild, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F.; 415-565-6432, 565-3289 for info.

Sarta presents "See a Play Day!", 925-3303 for info.

The Creative Festival, 10am-6pm; Cal Expo; 415-340-9767.

Sacramento Symphony Chorus, 8pm, 649-0300.

Saturday 27

Patti Mattingly for Senate fundraiser, 5-7pm, \$25, 515 First St., Woodland; 327-8334, Fred Harvey.

Music by Joey presents "Everybody Dance Now," 9pm-2am, Shangri-La, 6339 Mack Rd., \$5 cover, 427-5713.

Community Health Fair, 10am-4pm, Florin Mall; info 448-2951.

River City Metropolitan Community Church Variety Show, 7:30pm, 2741 34th St., 454-4762; \$10 donation.

SARTA annual membership meeting, 11am-1pm; 2120 Royale Rd., Sac.; 925-3303.

Sac. Bee's Calif. Tour North, 250 mile bicycle tour, 758-8778, thru May 1.

Sacramento Symphony Chorus, 3pm, 649-0300.

The Creative Festival, 10am-6pm; Cal Expo; 415-340-9767.

Crocker Art Promoters Art Walking Tour, 2:30pm, corner of 2nd & J; 646-6492.

Improve comedy at The Guild Coffee House, \$5; 442-RSVP.

Sunday 28

Jazzworks, "Rep and More" 24th Street Theatre, 8pm, thru April 28; reservations 483-4017.

Rose Show, Shepard Garden & Arts Center; 443-9413.

The Creative Festival, 10am-5pm; Cal Expo; 415-340-9767.

Leather Levi Party, Country Corral, 7pm, Joseph's Town & Country, 7pm; 649-9248.

Concert: Duo Linos; Crocker Art Museum Ballroom, 3pm; 442-5423.

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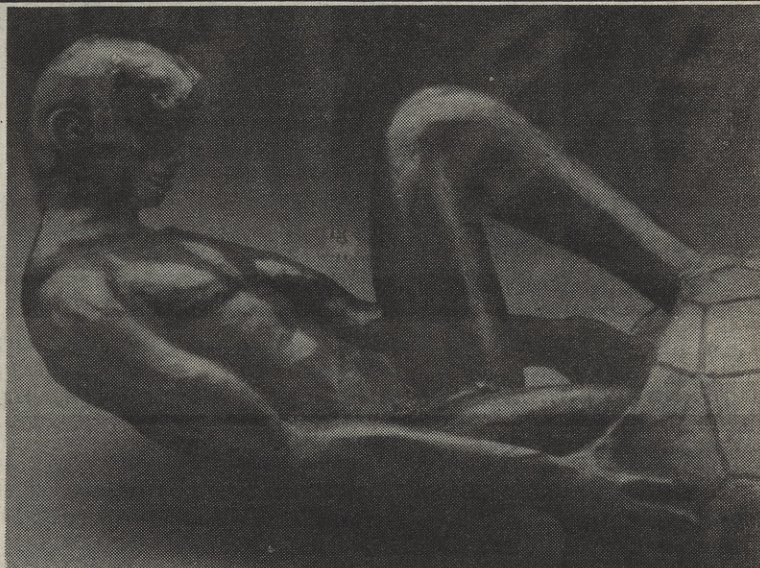
Monday 29

CAP/PAC Quarterly Forum: "Divide & Conquer: How the Lines are Drawn," 5:30pm, Andiamo's Restaurant, \$8/advance; \$10/door; reservations to: CAP/PAC Foundation, 8507 Daimler Way, Sac. 95828.

Women's Rap Group, "Growing Old As A Lesbian," 7-9pm, Lambda Center; 442-0185.

Tuesday 30

Deadline for applications to S.F. Gay & Lesbian Freedom Day Parade on June 30, 1991: Application to: SF/LGFPCC, 584 Castro St., #513, S.F. 94114; 1-415-864-FREE.



Jeff Tritel hosts open studio in Grass Valley

Sculptor Jeff Tritel's 5th annual open house will take place April 20 and 21 from noon to 6pm. For directions call Tritel Studios at 916-268-1048.

THEATRE

Carmichael Civic Theatre To Be - thru May 4; Steppin Out, Dance Theatre West in Concert - May 24-June 1; Once Upon A Mattress - June 28-July 20; Pal Joey - Oct. 18-Nov. 30; 489-6880.

CSUS Theatre Arts Department - Soldierboy - May 2-12; 278-6604.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre thru April 20 - Crossing Delancey; On Golden Pond - April 26 thru June 8; You're A Good Man Charlie Brown - June 14-July 20; On Golden Pond - April 26 thru June 8; 985-6361.

The Lambda Players - The Fantasticks - April 12-May 4; 442-0185.

Music Circus - Nunsense - thru April 21; 446-5880.

Sacramento Theater Co. - The Mystery of Irma Vep - April 19-May 12; 443-6722.

Stagedoor Comedy Playhouse - Run for Your Wife - April 19-June 29; 927-0942.

Sacramento Theatre Arts Department - The Singular Life of Albert Knobs - April 18-28; 278-6604.

Chautauqua Playhouse - Nunsense or Stepping Out - April 12-May 19; 489-7529.

St. Michael's Actors Guild - Godspell - April 18-20; Gala April 20; 481-9060, 944-2763.

GALLERIES

Cartoon Art Museum - "Electronic Comics & Computer Art" May 29 thru September 14; 415-546-9481.

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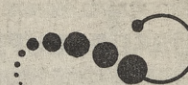
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A study of three couples

by Barry Martin
GUEST WRITER

I get looked at incredulously by younger gay men when I mention that my lover and I are about to celebrate our 25th anniversary. It's as though I said that I've been to Mars or walked through walls.

Certainly more gay men have sought relationships since the onslaught of AIDS in the early 80's as opposed to the hedonistic atmosphere of the 60's and 70's but why should a longterm relationship between gay men be so difficult to accomplish in our society? Do the men involved have to be very unusual to bring this about or just very lucky? Does it take a lot of work or is it easily self-perpetuating if the right two people hook up?

Here are the stories of three very dissimilar longterm relationships. None of them had totally smooth-sailing; there were various degrees of problems faced by all. Somehow each couple worked through their problems to obtain a fully-committed relationship.

Each of the three not only shared their mutual histories -- some of it painful to relate -- with me but each had some very valuable advice for any young man thinking seriously about spending the rest of his life with another young man.

"I wanted to sleep around. I didn't want to get hurt again; I didn't want intimacy."

Mark and Howard -- 23 years

If ever there was a couple who were perfectly described by the lyrics to Jerome Kern's "The Folks Who Live On The Hill," it's Mark and Howard. After 23 years together, they are still making love regularly. They have light, quickly-forgotten spats -- no arguments. They share cooking, fixing up the house, shopping and have the same friends.

Of our three couples, they are probably the closest to what one would think of in theory as the ideal heterosexual couple.

"I first saw Howard at a bar in the Valley," says Mark, 49. "He was very cute and I just walked over and started talking to him. I thought he was younger than I but it turned out that he was 9 years older. He actually looked younger than I did."

"I had just moved to Los Angeles from a much smaller town and knew no one. Part of the on-going attraction for me was his loneliness and vulnerability. He had just come out of a very bad relationship and there was something 'needy' about him."

Their first fight turned out to be the biggest one they've had in 23 years.

"We were dating and getting closer but it was scary for me," remembers Howard. "I wanted to sleep around. I didn't want to get hurt again; I didn't want intimacy. One night we were watching TV at a friend's and I fell asleep. Mark woke me up suddenly and I was just in a lousy mood about being abruptly awakened and all the feelings I had held back just spewed out. I started yelling at him and told him I didn't want him in my life. He just walked out and I didn't see him for months until we met again in a bar where I just happened to be very drunk. He took me home and took care of me. We've been taking care of each other ever since."

"I learned gradually that Howard

was more than a cute guy who was great sex," says Mark. "I saw him under fire in several emotional situations and I saw what an incredibly kind person he was. He was outgoing and caring of his ex-lover who was a troublesome alcoholic. He was wonderful to his ailing mother when she was alive. After a 12-hour work day, he'd spent time with her every night on the way home to me. The more I saw him give, the more I came to trust and love him."

Over a 23-year period, the lives of Mark and Howard have been full but undramatic. There have been no major illnesses, no major fights and they've both worked at the same jobs for several years.

His work existence is probably the only phase of Mark's life that he regrets. He works for a very conservative insurance company -- "I have so often wanted to share my personal life with my co-workers but I cannot in an atmosphere that conservative. I can't talk about what Howard and I do socially, our vacations, outside business ventures -- nothing! I really lead two lives, one at work and the other at home. But, I'm not bitching about this. I am happy, healthy and loved. I wouldn't want to be living with anyone else but Howard."

But is life really that 'storybook' smooth? Can these two men be living a life on par with "Father

Knows Best?"

"We certainly have disagreements but we learned long ago to discuss our problems and somehow that always seems to make the problems go away," says Howard. "We don't hold anything back."

"A few months ago, we went through a very strange period where for a few days we barely communicated. Our sentences were short. We really didn't want to talk to each other. We each tried to stay out of the house as long as possible. We didn't want to be in each other's company."

"It grew to be such a strain that finally one night we didn't answer the phone and talked it out. We couldn't identify what it was exactly that we were going through. Maybe male menopause of sorts. But once we both discussed and questioned our behavior, the problem -- whatever it was -- vanished!"

What would you advise someone of about 25 who was just starting a relationship with another man? what from your experience would you pass on?

Mark answers quickly without missing a beat, "Follow the 'Golden Rule' about doing unto others. Treat the other person the way you want to be treated. Appreciate what you have. Don't take out your frustration on the other person. Don't put them down just to improve your own self picture. If it's worth holding on to, do everything and anything to make it work. If not, get out immediately."

Mickey and Pete -- 32 years

Mickey and Pete prove that opposites do attract. Mickey is 60, Jewish-warm and outgoing, a New Yorker, a little overweight, an easy laugh, always jubilant. Pete, 56, is tall, Polish blond handsome, looks 35, can be caustic and comes from mid-Texas.

Thirty-two years ago, they were

introduced when working at the same shopping mall -- Mickey, very "out" with one lover behind him, working as a store manager -- Pete, young trade, unsure of himself, a market bagboy and never having kissed a man.

"I took him to a small revue on our first date," says Mickey. "He was so beautiful -- and still is -- that I was very nervous. It was assumed he was coming back to my place but when I tried to kiss him, he told me that he was trade and had never kissed a guy. OK. I went along with it. I wanted him so badly that I would have taken him on any terms. But, he stayed the night and I bought him a toothbrush the next day. He only went home to move his possessions to my place. A few weeks later, he was kissing and eventually we were doing everything else."

Their first quarrel took place rather quickly.

"When Mickey's relatives phoned, he didn't want me answering the phone," says Pete. "I told him that if he was ashamed of me, I was moving out. If I was going to live with him, I was not going to hide the fact that we were together. That brought Mickey out of the closet. He's been 'out' ever since to relatives, at jobs and at our church group."

The second fight was a bit more

dramatic. Pete's discovery of gay life was like a kid being let loose in a candy store. Because of his good looks he was besieged with opportunities and at first, Pete's infidelities bothered Mickey very much. The situation came to a head one day when Mickey returned home unexpectedly and found a mutual friend in bed with Pete.

An understanding had to be reached. It worked out best for them when they shared a third party or when Pete recounted his outside exploits in detail. Thus, Mickey was never deceived and Pete still got to have outside sex.

After 10 years together, the couple took a major step by adopting two male babies. Mickey and Pete had both come from unhappy, violent childhoods and sought to create the family unit they'd never known while growing up.

"We may be into a more liberal, understanding era now but in the mid-1960's, two gay men adopting children was very unusual," says Pete. "Suddenly most of our gay friends shunned us. One even phoned the police to say we were sexually abusing our children. We had expected understanding and what we got was ostracism."

"It was a bad time for us," says Mickey. "Eventually, things turned around and friends would even babysit. Our boys are now in the 20s and are happy and healthy. They both turned out straight but we made no effort to steer them in one direction or another. They accept our gayness. We accept their straightness. No problem!"

Both Mickey and Pete had a major outside affair soon after the 15-year mark. It was a bad time for them. Their house was sliding in the mud. Pete's mother's illness was draining their finances. Each drifted into an outside affair, not simultaneously,

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The Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance (SARTA) will sponsor a free, public workshop titled Marketing Your Theatre on Monday, April 22 at 7pm. Jay Drury, Managing Director of the Sacramento Theatre Company, will lead this workshop, focusing on successful marketing strategies. Theatre administrators and arts administrators from different disciplines are encouraged to take this opportunity to discover and discuss with their colleagues marketing techniques that work. The workshop will be held at the Sacramento Theatre Company, 1419 H St., Sacramento.

This workshop is one of four free theatre workshops sponsored by SARTA as part of its 7th Anniversary Birthday Bash. For information: 925-3303.▼

Lambda looking for Citizen "Angels"

The Lambda Community Center is responding to the increase in gay/lesbian hate-crimes by forming a citizen patrol group. The group will be known as the Lavender Angels, and will serve a deterrent-only patrols in the crime-ridden 20th & K st. area -- otherwise known as "lavender heights."

Volunteers for the patrols are needed immediately. There will be a training workshop for all volunteers led by Midge Marino -- a self-defense professor at CSUS. If interested, call Shaanon at 442-0185.▼

Anything goes -- again!

The 1990 fashion auction, Anything Goes, from the Sacramento Aid to AIDS Foundation, will be at the Towe Ford Museum on Saturday, May 4 at 7pm until midnight.

Get caught up in the excitement of bidding on the latest in fashions, furs, jewelry and accessories, as well as home decorations donated by Bay Area and Sacramento interior designers and design houses. Other donated items will be part of a silent auction to be held from 7-8pm. The oral auction will start at 8pm and end at 9:30 with dancing to follow from 10pm-midnight. An array of desserts and specialty coffees will be served.

Last year's benefit raised \$25,000 for SARTA's recipient, the Hand to Hand Project.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance at Canfields, 569 Pavilions Lane in the Pavilions Shopping Plaza on Fair Oaks Blvd., Threadbare, 1021 R St. in the Building, and Lioness Bookstore, 2224 J St., Midtown Sacramento, or by calling 452-4720. For information: Shea Grimm, 421-8599.▼

Our 'n Ragin' at UCD

A variety of social, political, educational and multicultural activities will mark Out 'n Ragin' 91, the Gay-Lesbian-bisexual Awareness Week on the UC Davis campus.

Among activities scheduled during the week of April 13 will be:

* "Bisexual Speak Out," a panel discussion and CLUB workshop, Wednesday, April 16, noon. That evening, Karla Grant will present "Out to Protect Ourselves" -- a self-defense workshop, 7:30pm in King Lounge.


* Thursday April 18 is "Building Community/Gaining Visibility," featuring Alan Lofaso from LIFE (Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality) and Donna Yutzy from the Lambda Center in Sacramento. Thursday evening, "Eat Your Art Out," a multicultural art feast of poetry, visual, and performance works with Dexter Smith, the Lambda Players, 7:30pm in the Activities Room.

* Friday, April 19, 7:30pm, King Lounge, potluck dinner, a "Friends of the Family" awards presentation.

* Saturday, April 20, the city of Davis will celebrate Picnic Day, where BGLAD will feature the "Isle of Lesbos" float in the parade.

For more information contact Gerardo Medina, 758-8805.▼

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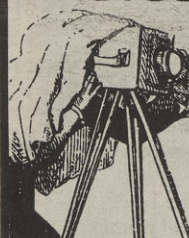
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Town Council forms police/sheriff liaison committee

by Nathan Shreve
OF MGW STAFF

At the March general meeting of The Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council, Robert Jordan, Chair of the interview committee, announced the members of the newly organized Police Liaison Committee. The individuals chosen to represent the Community: Emma Childers, Co-Chair; Clement Enriguez, Co-Chair; Stacy Selmans, Dave Dimit and Joe Hawkins, Members; Karen Gale, Alternate. It was noted that every effort was made to ensure that the committee represented the diversities that are prevalent in the Lesbian and Gay Community.

Rev. Freda Smith, Council Moderator, motioned to also include the Sheriff's department in the Liaison Committee. The motion passed unanimously, and the name was changed to The Police/Sheriff Liaison Committee.

Concern over the dwindling town council was addressed by Robert Jordan, and it was noted that the council needs to focus on creating ways to increase support. Adamantly, many in attendance discussed that they were trying to spread the word about the council and encourage added support from both member and non-member organizations. Others also brought up the fact that some issues, such as the lighting that had been discussed nine

months ago, had not yet been addressed by the council.

Donna Yutzy, Executive Director of the Lambda Community Fund, discussed the upcoming events and activities at the Lambda Center, including the new location of the Lambda Players and the implementation of the Whistle Program. Contact the Lambda Center at 442-0185 for information.

The next town council meeting will be held April 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lambda Center, 1931 L St. All interested persons and organizations are strongly encouraged to attend. ▼



Chris Burns demonstrates self-defense with Jeff Greer.

Self-defense workshop

by Peggy Peters
OF MGW STAFF

In response to a growing concern over gaybashing, a self-defense/personal awareness workshop was conducted at the McKinley Park Auditorium.

The anti-violence workshop, entitled 'Take Back the Night' was attended by 60+ persons, gay and straight, men, women, and, not surprisingly, teenagers.

The workshop is the result of San see Workshop on page 18

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adequate treatment was not available or affordable. I don't see how lists and other possible retribution is going to encourage people to get tested. There are approximately 8,000 people a month who seek voluntary testing at anonymous test sites -- which this bill would destroy," Hadden said.

"Public health is already having a rough time keeping up with existing AIDS case finding and reporting requirements -- how do the proponents of this bill propose to finance this new effort? Will it be at the expense of patient care and prevention programs," Hadden asked.

Hadden was also distressed that proponents were using the excuse

that the bill is necessary so that physicians could notify spouses and others in order to save their lives. "I ran down the testing/disclosure law which has basically allowed physician disclosure to spouses since 1987 and disclosure to sex and needle partners since 1988," Hadden said, "but they just had no response."

"I've encouraged them to talk to front line providers and people involved in AIDS education, testing, counseling and patient care," Hadden said, "but I might as well have been talking to someone from the moon -- there was just no understanding of the issues involved."

Armentrout was adamant in stating that the interest of the bill is to see "suffering diminished." "If you

had contact with someone with HIV it is more than likely that you would be infected," she said, "and if you're not promiscuous you probably would know who that person is - but that's not the intent -- the intent is to save lives and to get infected people into treatment early. According to Hadden the intent is clear -- "while the American Medical Association may make recommendations for the bill they are not, for the most part, involved in front line AIDS care activities. The only thing this type of legislation will do is keep people away from the testing sites and further endanger those people by keeping them from early intervention and maintenance care." ▼

WESPAC from page 5

legislative seats that will affect decisions for the next 10 years. The WESPAC group has observed that, 10 years ago, every gay/lesbian neighborhood in the state (including the Castro area, West Hollywood, the Hillcrest area in San Diego, and even our own Lavender Heights) was cut in half or in third so as to dilute lesbian and gay voting power.

In previous decades, when legislative districts are carved, the gay and lesbian community has not asserted itself as other minority groups have. "The first step to impact the process," according to WESPAC co-chair Don Disler, "is to document where the gay and lesbian voting power is located. Our community cannot take advantage of census data as other communities have." WESPAC has contracted with a think tank in Los Angeles to correlate census data, voting patterns, mailing lists, and other information to submit as evidence during the reapportionment proceedings. Disler added, "We are hoping that a comprehensive, statewide database identifying the gay and lesbian community will also be useful

for lobbying gay, lesbian and AIDS issues and for a possible referendum on AB 101 in 1992."

Many individuals who are used to the outrageous behavior of fundamentalist homophobe Lou Sheldon were surprised at the behavior of Sacramento's newest assemblyman at a recent hearing on AB 101. Right-wing Republican David Knowles, who defeated Democrat Norman Waters last November, burst into the March 13 hearing of the Assembly Labor Committee hearing in which AB 101 passed 6-3. Knowles immediately interrupted the testimony of an opponent of the bill to complain that, "I have timed the committee on my high tech watch, and the opponent's testimony has been interrupted for exactly sixteen and one-half minutes by questions from committee members."

As Knowles directed his remarks to the audience (and not the committee) in the hearing room, he demanded that the opposition be allowed 16.5 minutes over the limited time for testimony that equally applied to both sides. After being

reminded by two members of the committee that time for questions was not counted against the opponents' time for testimony, he stormed out of the room, apparently unsatisfied by the explanation. One 17-year legislative veteran observed that he had never seen a member of the legislature in such a heated outburst.

In the wake of AB 101's first step toward becoming law, right-wingers are still pushing much of the oppressive legislation that they have throughout the decade. Kern County Assemblyman Trice Harvey has reintroduced a bill to mandate quarantining of all HIV infected persons. Orange County Assemblyman Gil Ferguson has introduced a bill that would curtail student's ability to obtain information in the classroom relating to homosexuality. And, Senator Ed Davis of Los Angeles, who gave us Prop. 98, has introduced a bill to make unprotected, undisclosed sex or needle sharing by HIV positive persons a felony. ▼

Welcome to the Renaissance!

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

There is a gay renaissance going on in theater in Northern California lately -- maybe a better word would be revolution, when one considers the variety of themes, the high production values and the assimilation into mainstream theaters. Here is a brief survey of recent and coming works.

Permission by Catherine Harrison (Theatre Rhinoceros, San Francisco, March 7-31). From the playwright's note: "*Permission* was inspired by my experience working as a professional dominatrix and is not intended to represent all sex workers. For me, being a Mistress was a rite of passage. Although I was 'out' to my friends, I still felt I was leading a double life. In attempting to communicate my experience to those not in the sex industry, I encountered many fixed ideas, and an odd blend of fascination and fear. For people to understand that part of my life, I realized they would have to experience it in some way. And so I wrote this play." This is Harrison's playwright and acting debut in San Francisco, although she spent a few years acting on a more private stage...

Earl, Ollie, Austin and Ralph by Glenn Rawls (Theatre Rhinoceros, March 9-April 13). Inspired by the experiences of gay World War II veterans who, after suffering through the unspeakable post-war anti-gay hysteria have settled into genteel senescence in a seaside Southern hotel they own. The younger generation, represented by a squabbling couple who ultimately break

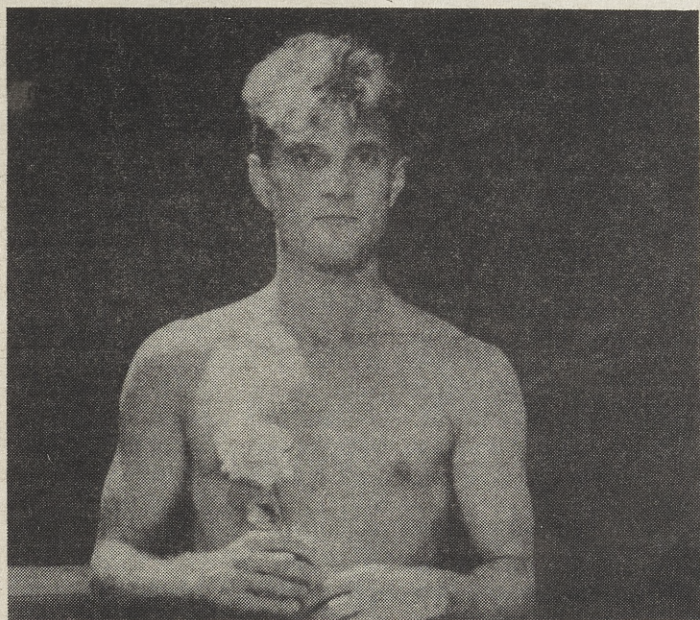


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Doug Holsclaw in "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," at Theatre Rhinoceros in S.F. and will play in Sacramento at Sierra 2 on May 24-25.

up, provide the frisson and clash of values that allow the older generation to expound on their life experiences, creating a deep sensation of "family" and "community," resolving contradictions and generally calming the waters of the confused, fickle 90's. Beautifully produced, and directed with a tenderness that tilted easily into mawkishness at times, this play would make a gay television series to rival *Golden Girls* or hit film like *On Golden Pond*. This reviewer, however, is still not sold on such easy answers nor on the characters who lack rage.

Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You written and performed by Doug Holsclaw (Theatre Rhinoceros, February 15-March 30). For sheer rage, scalding personal power and radical sexuality, this

sophisticated use of language and poetry. Lucky for Sacramentans, we will have a chance to see him this May 24-25 at the 24th Street Theater. Take your straight friends along!

Frida Kahlo -- A Self-Portrait in Dance by Priscilla Regalado (Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, March 28-30). An evening-length dance work about the tragic, unclassifiable Mexican painter. Her bisexuality was given prominence in a beautiful love scene where, after dancing with her husband Diego Rivera, she was partnered by two women. This theme was also expressed in the film on her life, *Viva la Vida*.

The Fantasticks in a new gay version by The Lambda Players

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Sacramento Theatre Company announces 50th anniversary season

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

Coasting on a successful year and an 80 percent renewal rate on subscriptions, the Sacramento Theatre Company can boast of community acceptance of their artistic product in spite of the recession. Fund-raising is up 25 percent and their two largest grants were doubled, giving them a big push toward their 50th anniversary next year. The tenth oldest continuously run theater in the U.S. will offer unique, new productions of six American plays, each one selected to hold up

a mirror to life in its particular decade.

(*A Christmas Carol* will be given a year's rest.)

All My Sons by Arthur Miller (September 12-October 6) will represent the 1940's. Drama Critics' Circle Award 1947.

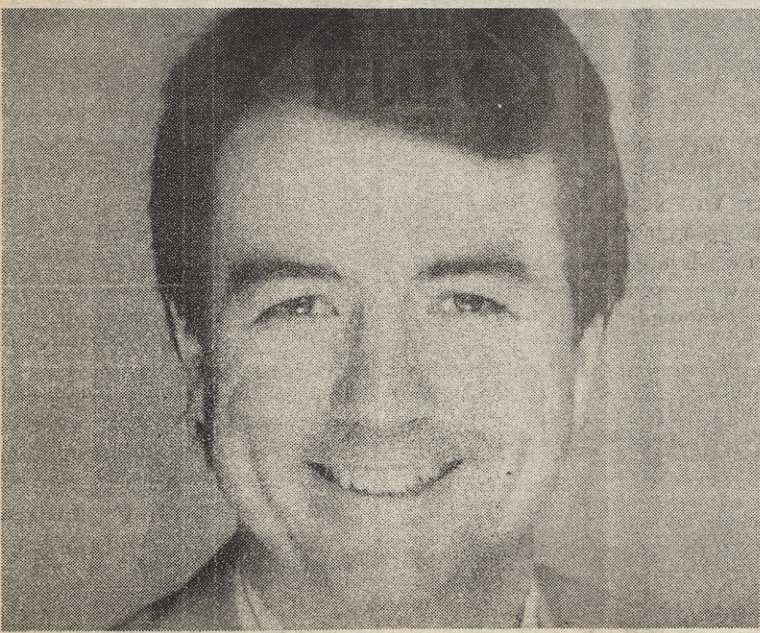
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry (October 25-November 17) will represent the 1950's. Drama Critics' Circle Award 1959.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying by Burrows/Weinstock/Gilbert with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser (December 6-29) will represent the 1960's. Pulitzer Prize Winner.

The Fifth of July by Lanford Wilson (January 24-February 16) will represent the 1970's and includes gay characters.

Latinos Anonymous by Leschin/Molina/Najera/Rodriguez (March 6-29) will represent the 1980's and the Latino identity.

At the Still Point by Jordan Roberts (April 24-May 17) capping the 1991-92 season will be third world premiere which offers a refreshingly perceptive look at our anxious times capturing "the profound poetry that lies perfectly poised at a point someplace between earth and sky, commitment and independence, life and death." Posing questions and creating challenging theater, our STC seems to be overtaking San Francisco's ACT, whose new season left critics underwhelmed. Director Mark Cuddy: "Hopefully we reflect Sacramento - its changes and social issues. Subscribers who didn't like our recent Good Person of Setzuan said they were pleased with what we were doing and renewed anyway." It's an impressive activism for one of America's oldest mainstream theaters. (An amusing footnote, while waiting in the STC office this reviewer overheard a receptionist discourage a caller from bringing children to *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, which features cross-dressing, because "You have to be careful what you show children..." They might grow up to upset the status quo as playwrights after all. ▼



Sacramento Theater Company's Artistic Director, Mark Cuddy.

Now ... on to guest pianist Clipper Erickson

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

It appears that everyone liked Joanne Falletta, the woman who conducted the Sacramento Symphony earlier this month. The musicians liked her; the audience roared its approval; even William Glackin, the *Bee's* venerable critic, came close to pronouncing her the orchestra's new director.

She was good with Mozart; she handled the intricacies of that 18th century giant with great skill. She was good with Schoenberg and that's a world apart from Mozart. But, what the audience loved, of course, was her splendid work with the *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

If Falletta has any interest in competing for the post of Sacramento Symphony music director, she certainly was smart to put *Pictures* on her program! The composition is a certain audience-pleaser and she had the benefit of presenting it with a very capable orchestra.

The all-Tchaikovsky program that has been discussed several times in this space will be here this coming Sunday and Monday, April 21 at 3pm and April 22 at 7:30pm. Music Director Carter Nice will take the podium and lead the orchestra in the suite from "Swan Lake," the dramatic and moody "March Slav," the delightful scherzo movements from Tchaikovsky's final three symphonies, and the First Piano Concerto with guest pianist Clipper Erickson.

Erickson is one of five pianists recently chosen to participate in Affiliate Artists' prestigious Xerox Pianists Program. While in Sacramento, he is conducting two weeks of residency activities termed "Informances" at ten locations through-

out the area.

Finally, on the last weekend of the month, the symphony will present Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky* with the symphony chorus, a mezzo-soprano and the complete film. The masterpiece was created in the Soviet Union in 1938. This is indeed a rare opportunity for the Sacramento audience to see and hear this historic achievement. ▼



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Medical from page 3

muscular coordination (ataxia) and involuntary eye motion (nystagmus) to inflammation of the liver (hepatomegalia), nausea, tremors and hallucinations. After three weeks of hospitalization her symptoms began to subside and after a month she was released with continuing out-patient care. The physicians reporting on the woman's hospitalization stated, however, that her case "drew our attention to a small epidemic of this particular addiction," and they reported locating eight other people suffering from ethyl chloride poisoning simply while preparing their case study.

Three Swedish doctors reported in the "International Journal of the Addictions" in 1988 on a patient who was taken by police to a psychiatric hospital emergency room suffering from mental disorientation, hallucinations, dizziness and heart palpitations. He was diagnosed as suffering from toxic psychosis. Twelve hours after admission to the hospital for observation, the man suffered a sudden drop in blood pressure, lapsing into semi-consciousness, and was treated with a sodium chloride solution to stabilize his blood circulation. However, three hours later the man suffered a grand mal seizure with no prior history of epilepsy.

The patient remained in a severely disoriented state, with periodic hallucinations, short-term memory loss and periodic amnesia for the next two weeks he was hospitalized. After three weeks, his

symptoms began to lessen and he was released from the hospital six weeks after his initial admission. His use of ethyl chloride had been determined to be about 100 ml. on a daily basis. The attending physicians said they could not determine which of the man's symptoms - including the amnesia and seizure after being admitted to the hospital - were toxic reactions to ethyl chloride and which were the result of withdrawal from its daily use.

A third study, published in 1986 in the "British Journal of Psychiatry," covered chronic abuse of a variety of volatile substances, including a closely related chemical, methylene chloride, which is also sniffed from spray cans. Although the study could not identify the percentage of deaths in Great Britain attributable to any specific volatile substances, it did note that as many as 71 percent (or 99 people) of all the deaths associated with volatile substance abuse in the country in a 1982 study had been caused by aerosols like methylene chloride and related chemicals. What physicians there call "sudden sniffing deaths" are believed to be caused by cardiac arrhythmias leading to heart failure. Abuse of such volatile substances, according to the report, accounted for a full one percent of all deaths of kids 10-19 years old in Great Britain in 1981, although what number could be attributed to a specific chemical like ethyl chloride was impossible to estimate. ▼

Prison rape from page 4

and sent to a minimum security section of one of the City jails. Jones, 43, had been arrested only a few days earlier for allegedly assaulting two men in the City. Unfortunately the security assessment process on Jones somehow went haywire. Despite the violent nature of the charges he had been arrested for, and despite three previous convictions - for kidnaping, for assault with a deadly weapon, and for statutory rape - Jones was also given a low risk security evaluation and was already in the jail section that Drake was being sent to.

When the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Jones met the 5-foot-11, 170-pound Drake, he told him he was "cute" and made repeated sexual passes at him. Drake told the court during the rape trial. Drake, who is heterosexual, told the court he rebuffed the advances by Jones, who is also heterosexual. But on Oct. 4, Drake said a man who was Drake's "henchman" came to his cell, beat him up and shoved his head into a toilet in the cell before leaving him there.

According to Drake's testimony, Jones then came into his cell and told him, "See what happens? I could have helped you out there, but you didn't want me to. You didn't choose to be my kid." Jones then attacked Drake and repeatedly raped him for over an hour.

During the period the assault and rape were taking place, the section of the jail where the men were being held had only one deputy assigned

to watch over 300 prisoners on two floors, according to Sheriff's Office records. And the jail the two men were sent to is supposed to hold no more than 554 prisoners with a staff of 78 deputies. Records, however, show that at the time of the rape, there were 677 prisoners in the facility - one of three the City operates - with a staff of only 66 Sheriff's officers. The next day, Drake appeared in court and was given a \$175 fine and three years' probation on the drug possession charges.

In Jones' trial, the jury found the older convict guilty of criminal assault, rape, and involuntary sodomy. He is now being held - in a maximum security facility - awaiting sentencing.

Sgt. Dyer said the City's three jails have averaged only about four sexual assault charges until the past few years when the numbers began increasing - all from the men's facilities. In 1990 there were nine sexually related assault charges filed by inmates in the San Francisco's three jails, half of them from the same understaffed and overcrowded facility where Drake and Jones had been sent. "How could this happen?" Dyer asked. "Very simply - staffing. There are now fewer deputies trying to supervise more and more people. Mistakes are bound to happen on our part, and when that happens, there's bound to be more and more serious problems in the jails themselves." ▼

psychic reporter

Licensing: working it out

by Kate M. Lang, M.S.
OF MGW STAFF

Update: Regarding my article "For the record..." which appeared in issue #165, March, 1991 of MGW. I explained my unusual acquisition of a Sacramento County General Business License as a COUNSELING PARAPSYCHOLOGIST in 1975 and stated then why I did not intend to "re-draft" my statement of my qualifications.

I received a letter from the Medical Board of California - Central Complaints and investigation Control Unit on April 3, 1991. This was because of a complaint someone made to them about the way I advertise myself at the end of my column, called "The Psychic Reporter" in MGW.

(letter of March 27, 1991)

Dear Ms. Lang:

The Board of Psychology has received the enclosed article for review.

A thorough search of the licensing records indicates that you are not currently licensed in any capacity with the Board of Psychology nor with the Board of Behavioral Science Examiners.

As you are not presently licensed with a regulatory State Agency, the article received indicates you are misrepresenting yourself to the public. The license you hold is a county business license that anyone may obtain. It does not imply any type of professional competence. The Board of Psychology therefore advises, you may not use the term "parapsychology" to describe yourself or your work in any way. To do so is a violation of sections 651 (b) and 2903 of the California Business & Professions Code.

You are hereby advised to Cease and Desist the use of the term "parapsychology" and any other misrepresentation of yourself to the public indicating your professional status. In addition, you are required to provide the Board with your written understanding of the laws as presented and your statement of willingness to comply with said laws in the future. Please submit your written response, to this office, by April 29, 1991 and please include a copy of this letter with your response.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely, Lynn Thornton, Supervising Investigator II, Marsha Roggero, Consumer Services Representative (end of letter)

It is my opinion, and the opinion of others, that what is being demanded of me is a flagrant violation of my First Amendment rights, since I am in fact, credentialed in parapsychology, degreed in parapsychology and licensed as a Coun-

seling Parapsychologist by Sacramento County.

Since nothing existed in the United States for licensure in what I was proposing to do at the time, (1975) let alone the State of California, I used the only available licensing procedure in existence to go about doing business legally in the county in which I resided. And this was with legal counsel.

The teaching credential I received in 1971 to teach Parapsychology (valid for life), I got from the State of California Chancellors office, Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. (I also have an Instructor Credential in Psychology, valid for life). California State University, Sacramento, granted my B.A. (with Honors) in Parapsychology in 1975. According to the American Society for Psychical Research, it is the first in the U.S. They know of none before it from an accredited U.S. university.

(Dr. Jeffrey Mishlove is a psychic researcher who received the first doctorate degree in parapsychology from the University of California at Berkeley in June of 1980.)

In my opinion, the Medical Board of California and the Board of Psychology do not "own" the word parapsychology.

I am not a Psychologist. I am a Parapsychologist. Not because I'm psychic. But because of my education, training and experience, and because I started so early in a newly (1969) recognized field of science. Parapsychology IS a science, and it is defined quite differently than psychology. Psychologists do not study or work with psychic abilities as a profession. Parapsychologists do.

The words "parapsychology" and "parapsychologist" are not phrases, they are separate words entirely from the words psychology and psychologist.

Telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis--these "psi

capacities" are what comprise the field of study- the science of Parapsychology.

The Parapsychological Association (P.A.) has been recognized and affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (A.A.A.S.) since 1969. The American Psychological Association (A.P.A.) is also an affiliate of the A.A.A.S. However, the P.A. and the A.P.A. are different organizations because they are different fields of science.

Lloyd Auerback, author and adjunct faculty at John F. Kennedy University says, "Members of the Parapsychological Association who call themselves parapsychologists are in addition often trained and licensed in the field of psychology."

However, there are a number of parapsychologists whose primary expertise is in other fields of science such as physics, biology and anthropology. Calling themselves parapsychologists indicates that they also work in the separate field of science researching ostensible psychic abilities called parapsychology."

In the words of Margaret Mead, "The whole history of scientific advancement is full of scientists investigating phenomena that the establishment did not believe were there."

Since recent work was done at Princeton University proving that the human psychic capacity exists (April 1990) perhaps we can look forward to the day when the State of California WILL have a licensing category called "Counseling Parapsychologist!"

When that day comes, I expect to be grandmothers in!

Kate M. Lang, B.A. Parapsychology, M.S. Transpersonal Counseling Psychology. Credentialed in Parapsychology since 1971. Sac. County Bus. Lic. #221604 as Counseling Parapsychologist since 1975; by appt. only 916-487-8485. ▼

Workshop from page 16

Diego-based Chris Burn's attempt to teach personal empowerment and safety. With a black belt in Kung-fu, Judo, years of experience in other forms of martial arts, and a 'disarming' personality, Chris has put together a quick paced, very informative, and highly effective method of instruction that introduced some psychological profiles of both the victims and attackers, and community networking and

involvement.

"Be constantly aware of your surroundings, we're taught to drive defensively, why not teach to walk defensively, see your environment, notice who and what is around you, walk in pairs, or in groups. Above all, remember, if you are intoxicated, you will not be able to defend yourself or your lover."

Burns emphasized again and again

farewell

Howard Ashman, Writer

Howard Ashman, an Oscar-winning lyricist and librettist, playwright and director who wrote and staged the Off Broadway hit *Little Shop of Horrors*, died March 14, 1991 from AIDS related complications. He was 40 years old and lived in Beacon, N.Y.

Mr. Ashman was the WPA's Theater artistic director in 1982 when he collaborated with composer Alan Menken on "Little Shop of Horrors," the tale of a timid flower store clerk who sells his soul to a man-eating plant.

With Mr. Menken, Mr. Ashman won an Oscar in 1989 for *Under the*

Sea, a popular song in the Disney film *The Little Mermaid*. Mr. Ashman also received a Golden Globe award and two Grammy Awards for his and Mr. Menken's work on the film. Mr. Ashman also completed work on two other animated Disney features, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Aladdin* just prior to his death. Despite his success, Mr. Ashman did not consider himself part of the theater establishment.

His companion was William Lauch, an architect, and he is survived by a sister, Sarah Gillespie, of New York City, and his mother, Shirley Gershman, of Baltimore. ▼

Faces beefs up security

by Neal Miniotta
OF MGW STAFF

Faces has added a fourth security guard on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Demand for increased security was recently sparked by the murder of Vincent Blades on March 7.

Terry Sidee, owner of Faces, said he currently spends about \$2,500 a month for security. In addition to the guards, Sidee stated he also pays for outside lighting on the property as well as in nearby locations off the property. An additional light was recently added to an alley near the bar.

Announcements are also made from the deejay booth suggesting that patrons request a security guard to walk them to their vehicles. Patrons are also encouraged to report any loitering in the area.

According to Sidee, he has been attempting to work with neighboring bars to increase security around the Lavender Heights area. His requests for assistance go ignored as other bars in the area still have no security guards and poorly lit parking lots and alleys. ▼

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Why are we vulnerable?

by Sandra Warne, M.A.
OF MGW STAFF

In my last column I wrote about our attraction to mood changers and how addictions are often attempts to adjust to a dysfunctional society.

This time I want to explore the inner dis-ease that makes us so vulnerable to addiction; a dis-ease that originates in our belief systems.

Unfortunately, the kinds of beliefs that make a person vulnerable to addiction are widely held today. Many of us were raised with these beliefs, they were very common and flourished during the postwar era with the baby boom and the birth of the "American Dream."

For instance, if people in a society believe that one's magic is more important than being genuine, then the person who doesn't conform to the popular image (in the 80's, one who is achieving; successful, powerful) will feel that s/he is not measuring up -- Instead of having a sense of intrinsic worth, s/he will come to believe that the real self is just not good enough.

This is the belief that becomes a springboard to addiction.

Other addictive beliefs create a quick-fix mentality -- an obsession with power, control, and immediate gratification. It is a mentality that drives people to habitually opt for the easy, fast, short term fix to a problem -- even when its not a solution but an escape.

The Addictive Belief System among the beliefs that contribute to addiction are "I should be perfect (and perfection is possible);" "I

should be all-powerful;" "I should always get what I want;" and "life should be without pain." Perhaps the single belief that is most central to the development of addiction is that "I am not enough." It amounts to a total rejection of the self, to the destructive conclusion that "who I am is unlovable, unworthy, and undeserving and if this is discovered I will be abandoned."

While addicts often believe deep down that they are worthless, they ascribe to people, substances, and other sources outside themselves the power they lack.

The fear of the addictive person is that if he admits his feeling that something terrible will happen. Therefore it is concluded that it is best not even to feel those feelings. The problem is the feelings don't go away, they just become suppressed and continue to influence behavior destructively from the unconscious.

I learned from my parents (who were perfectionists, and had extremely high aspirations for me) that the world -- and feelings especially -- were essentially dangerous. For years I "achieved" and "acted out" compulsively so I wouldn't be overwhelmed by my feelings. What I've since learned, is that there are other choices in between censoring a feeling and acting it out. You can simply have it. My journey to this conclusion also lead me to psychotherapy as a profession.

The addictive person erects an image, a false self that is hoped to be acceptable. In most cases though s/he doesn't know that s/he has done this. It is an automatic merging with a mask.

Many of the most popular mood changes, help to prop up these self images. Cocaine for example is widely sought for performance-enhancing effects, promoting an image of someone who is sociable, energetic, competent, confident, a better lover. So do other addictive involvements such as compulsive shopping; workaholism, anorexia and bulimia; compulsive exercising and gambling promote a particular image.

Changing addictive belief systems

Compulsive persons usually display black and white thinking. They have difficulty thinking in a gray area. If we can just inch our way into the gray area, we gain freedom healthier because we no longer have to maintain the illusion of omnipotence and perfection. We become free to risk coping with the real world.

Facing the gap between our false selves (dependent on the illusion of perfection) and our real selves is what can give us the freedom to live our lives more fully, without reliance on mood changes. And coming to terms with this gap, accepting and giving expression to our true selves, is what long term recovery is about. We can then begin to live an authentic experience.

The addictive personality

People who operate according to addictive belief systems generally develop personality traits to help them operate in the world.

See Vulnerable on page 22

Commentary:

Right turn, left turn?

by Tobias Maxwell
OF MGW STAFF

The other day a motorist coming towards me made a right turn just as I wanted to make a left (we were turning onto the same on-ramp). Because he never signaled, I waited, assuming he was going straight past me. By the time he made the turn, dozens more cars behind him were coming through and I had to wait before I could proceed to turn left. Apart from the temporary delay, I couldn't help focusing on this incident as a "miscommunication" between two individuals. I saw an analogy between this incident and interpersonal communications in general. (For my purposes, I'm going to assume no maliciousness on the part of the communicators, that's another article altogether! Since no maliciousness is involved, both persons in the situations want to communicate effectively. So much for real life!)

One reason for not using the signal might have been oversight. The oversight was due to either a) not seeing the other driver, or b) seeing the other driver and not realizing the importance of the turn signal. This latter reason, a more conscious choice, made from the perspective that the importance of the signal was not that imperative to the safety of the situation, overlooked the broader scope, that cars behind him would then directly affect the other driver's capacity to turn. Another, even more likely possibility is laziness or apathy, both of these recognizing the need for the signal, but accepting as a fait accompli that "no one uses signals, unless very

crucial -- in dangerous situations at best."

These are a few reasons I've extrapolated to try and make my analogy. Now we move to two people, possibly lovers. (You see this was leading to something more worthwhile than traffic school review.) How often have the above reasons played a role in miscommunication, that is, missing the opportunity of communicating effectively with a partner or loved one?

Oversight. How many times have we taken for granted the other partner in a communication or plan, basing our spoken words or actions on assumptions; or the second oversight option, not looking completely at the situation or communication, ending up with conflict where resolution could have been achieved? And lastly, laziness and apathy, when we communicate less and less, or less clearly and succinctly, out of habit, assuming things won't get too complicated; or if they do, that they will get cleared up, forgetting altogether the time and emotional output it takes to remedy things after the fact.

Hollywood, novels, and television have made a travesty of communication, creating an illusion that things need not be expressed if you're a couple and the "hearts are one." Unfortunately, those fictional sources never deal with the ramifications of real life dilemmas that surely ensue. The "honey guess what, I'm pregnant" scenario, when the husband/mate is completely surprised and exhilarated at this announcement exemplifies lack of communication. Talk about excellent, open, and frank discussion about

their lives, family planning and sexuality!

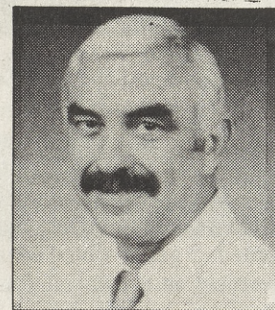
As same sex couples, we have the advantages of gender similarity that adds a certain compatibility and understanding initially. This helps our communications as couples early on, but that asset is quickly used up, leaving two different people with different needs, likes and dislikes, backgrounds, thoughts and speech processes to work things out. Leaving things unsaid may appear romantic but the consequences are farthest from cupid's bow. Romanticizing communication or making it more fun and less threatening can be, and is, a great challenge.

Statistics showing poor communication as one factor for such high separation/divorce rates, rates that are reflected in our own community (albeit we have other unique reasons as well), makes it imperative that we approach effective communication as an ally. Whether on a first date, a fifth-year anniversary, a second heenimoon (a gay friend coined the phrase, I kid you not!), or bedding down with a stranger and negotiating safe sex, the importance of how we say what we say can only make us winners. And there are no losers in the end.

Better self-esteem, more self-awareness all come into the picture as we pay more attention to our verbal interactions, going out on a limb to express how and what we are feeling. As we give clearer messages and expect as much in return, quality of life and better relations can only improve. ▼

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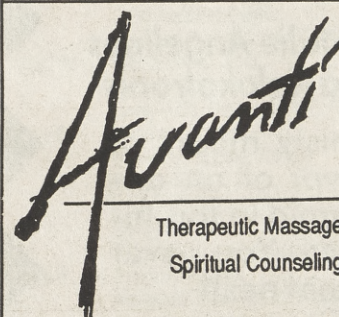
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MGW's new face profiled

Nathaniel Shreve recently became an integral part of the team at *MGW Newspaper* when he assumed the duties as Assignment Editor and Advertising Manager. Shreve brings with him a diverse educational and occupational background. He holds several degrees, including a B.S. in Biological Sciences and a B.A. in Business Administration. He has held fiscal and managerial positions with several large retail firms and positions in various health care settings, including a Residential Program Coordinator's position at a Rehabilitation Center.

Shreve's interest in journalism and publication began in high school where he was a staff writer for the school's paper and an active member of the yearbook committee. His interests then followed him into college where he wrote, did graphic layout and paste-up for the university's newspaper called "The Roadrunner." Shreve has also coordinated and published newsletters and information booklets, and while in college, his writings were published twice in scientific journals.

"I've always been a curious person, and I like to know what is going on all of the time," states Shreve, "working in a setting like this (*MGW*) allows me the opportunity to know what is going on, learn new things constantly and go places I wouldn't be able to go otherwise.



Nathaniel Shreve

I like being involved and being noticed." Shreve also commented that he has a special interest in health issues. He claims, "there are so many health issues that concern gays that you cannot help but be concerned. I get involved because involvement is a catalyst for the change that is both needed and inevitable."

Shreve notes that one of his primary goals at the paper is to "work as a team player to produce a quality publication that will enhance the community that we all live in. *MGW* has something to offer everyone, straight or gay, reader or advertiser." He also stressed that he welcomes constructive criticism and suggestions. "I like praise, but sometimes you have to take the bad with the good. I try to focus on the positive and I can laugh at myself when I make a mistake or fall on my face. It's all a matter of balance."

If you would be interested in volunteering at the paper or advertising in *MGW*, give Shreve a call at *MGW*, 441-6397. ▼

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Couples from page 15

but at different times each had to make a major decision to leave for a new man and give up their lover and possibly, the two children. This was a major turning point for Mickey and Pete.

In each case they made the decision to stick with the person they knew really loved them, the person they could count on, the person they had a history with. They worked their way through the awkwardness, the hurt, the distrust and stayed to build a relationship stronger than it was previously.

Why does the relationship survive?

"I trust him more than any person I've ever known including my parents," says Mickey. "He would never hurt me. He tells me every day that he loves me. He is endearing. He's too good to everyone. He has to be hit over the head with hard facts to see the negative aspects of a person."

"However, this is not a perfect person. He exaggerates like crazy. He will end a sentence 'etc., etc., etc.' like Yul Brynner in *The King and I*. Rather than give you specifics he'll give you five etceteras. Oh -- and he chews his ice. that drives me nuts!"

What keeps the beautiful Nordic blond attached to the slightly-pudgy, older, balding other half?

"Mickey takes care of me," says Pete. "I respect his knowledge. He seems to know everything. He reads, absorbs and knows about all sorts of things. He has a great sense of humor. He has a never-ending repertoire of jokes."

"We complement each other around the house. He cooks and shops. I paint and fix things. He takes care of all finances and makes good business investments for us. For 32 years, I've been handing him my paycheck. We have no roles. We each perform the functions we like to do best and luckily, they don't overlap -- except for bringing up the kids."

"I think that some young gay people getting together these days don't exercise the tolerance and patience it takes to make a relationship last," continues Pete. "You've got to like your partner as well as love him. Sex is eventually going to take a back seat in a relationship and there has to be a growing bond of friendship and love to replace the sex."

"You have to be prepared to give more than you get to make a relationship last," says Mickey. "You have to overlook socks on the floor and uncapped toothpaste. If you dwell on things like that they will mushroom and drive you crazy."

"We have absolute trust in each other. I don't feel whole unless he is nearby."

Jim and Laird -- 18 years

Of the three couples, Jim and Laird have the greatest physical resemblance to one another. They are both taller than average, lanky, have mustaches and a lot of facial and body hair.

Their histories prior to their meeting was totally dissimilar. Jim,

now 50, had lived the first 30 years of his life with his parents. His mother, who was possessive, died just two years before Jim met Laird. So, although Jim had been through a lot of sex, he'd only had one brief relationship and had never lived away from his parents. he was not worldly.

Laird, 52, who was "out" and sexually active at the age of 13, had sewn a lot of wild oats. He was experienced in the ways of the world and was with his second longterm lover when he met Jim. Because the current relationship was ebbing, Laird was feeling frisky and restless when he met Jim at a party.

"Laird was attractive and hairy," says Jim. "I made the first move. I walked up and introduced myself. We embarked on an affair and he was ripe because his relationship was already on the rocks. We made our first mistake when he moved in a few months later."

Laird had to contend with some obstacles he hadn't planned on. Jim had led a sheltered life, a life not shared with anyone except his parents. He had lived in the same house since he was a child, a house in which his mother had allowed nothing to be changed.

"I'm a book buyer but I do other things in my spare time like painting and interior decorating; I have imagination," says Laird. "I moved into a house that hadn't seen changes in more than 25 years and I wanted to feel at home and to express myself. Jim negated every change I wanted to make. I felt the ghost of his strong and possessive mother so strongly in some rooms that I couldn't even enter them."

"Finally, we had a big confrontation. I explained that I felt more like a boarder than a lover. Very gradually, Jim has let me make changes during our years together and he has been less resistant to each successive change. My frustration in this area probably would have been assuaged had I known and confronted his mother while she was alive. From what I hear, she was a major strong personality but so am I; I would have won."

The second big blow-up in the relationship came five years later. Jim, who had very little experience in relationships, fell in love with a co-worker. Had he had more experience, had he not lived with his parents for so long, he may have handled it better.

"I fell for a real jerk," says Jim. "He toyed with me, lead me on and I bought it. Just when I was thinking seriously of leaving Laird, the new guy pulled the rug out from under me and left me devastated."

Jim wasn't the only one who suffered.

"I quit my job and was ready to move to Santa Fe to become an artist," continues Laird. "I was very hurt and I wanted to give Jim all the space he needed. I felt sorrier for him than I did for myself. He was like an innocent lamb; he knew nothing of people who chase you until they know they have you and then loose interest. I hated the

other guy, not so much for coming between us but for hurting Jim so badly."

Laird's car was all loaded; he was prepared to leave for Santa Fe early in the morning but he and Jim stayed up the entire night talking. Laird unpacked the car in the morning.

"My 20's went down the toilet because of being constricted by my mother," says Jim. "I really didn't become a grown-up until I met Laird. He is very supportive of me. He does all the domestic things I know nothing about like cooking and repairing."

"We are both very volatile especially Laird. He holds nothing in. Nothing festers and grows out of proportion. But because, we have 18 years behind us, there's far less fighting than there used to be. We have really grown into each other. We have become an old married couple."

Laird has learned to curb his temper and is more analytical about getting along with Jim.

"I try to stroke him all the time. I never want to become so complacent in our relationship that I take him for granted. I am very proud of his work as a museum curator and I know he will accomplish even more in the future."

"Whenever something in our relationship bothers me, I look at life as a kind of pie and decide just how big a sliver the problem is. If it's a big sliver, then I'll make an issue of it. But if it is very small in the scheme of things, I will just dismiss the problem; it isn't worth the anxiety. I try to keep things in perspective."

"I have also learned not to say anything I don't mean. If I'm mad, I watch every word I say. Those are the moments one can say something horrible to the person one loves the most -- something that can never be retracted."

What do these three couples have in common?

All three relationships seem to have four very apparent traits in common.

Although all three couples have been together for long periods progressing from young manhood into middle age, the individuals involved have grown with each other and not away from each other.

In all three relationships there has evolved a mutual support. Each man knows he can count on the other for love and morale.

Dialogue has played a very important part in holding these couples together. No matter how bad the problem, the individuals were able to open up, express themselves, negotiate and surmount their differences.

And of course, love. It has been the motivating factor that transcends disagreements, outside affairs, diverse backgrounds and less frequent sex. In the final analysis, love has kept these couples together. ▼

Hate from page 5

lesbian issues in particular. Miller was the lead agent in gaining access for the Lesbian and Gay Speaker's Bureau to give a 32-week series of orientation classes to in-service deputies.

Bravo brought up another difficulty with the 'hate crime' designation for certain crimes. She said while the recent murder of 24-year-old Vincent Blades and the rape of a woman who left a downtown gay bar were hate crimes -- they should

not be prosecuted as hate crimes because the penalties for hate crimes are lower than the penalties for those felonies. Her comments caused concern that the hate crime statistics would then not accurately reflect the extent of the problem.

Yutzy said hate crimes against gays and lesbians in Sacramento have increased drastically because of the community's increased visibility because of media coverage of AB101. "The more visible we get,

the more likely we are to become targets -- so many of us are closeted -- we're closeted to protect our jobs, our homes, our children and in many cases, our lives," she said. She termed the odds of many lesbians and gays reporting hate crimes to the police as "remote." "Until other safeguards are in place, we at Lambda Center have to be able to make those reports for our people and we have to be able to assure them that they'll be safe." ▼

cruise it

Ask Dr. Cruise

by Raoul A. Renaud
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

Dear Dr. Cruise:

The speedometer needle in my Jeep Cherokee jiggles at speeds above 40mph. I also hear a chattering sound when this happens. The Jeep dealer replaced the speedometer cable but it did not help. This is driving me crazy! Can you help? - David, Elk Grove

Dear David:
Relax. You're not alone on this one. Many cars are prone to speedometer needle jitters, but the Cherokee is known for this. The speedometer in most cars is connected to the transmission by a cable that rotates inside a sheath. If the cable frays, or the lubricant in the sheath runs out, the cable can develop friction and become reluctant to turn. This causes the problem, and re-oiling the cable or replacing it usually cures the problem.

Dear Dr. Cruise:

With all the recent rains I've been using my windshield wipers practically every day -- and they've received very little use in the three years since I bought the car new. I was out on a date last Saturday night and as we drove along I noticed that the wipers were sort of dancing across the glass and leaving black marks behind. My date noticed it too, and he said he has been having the same problem. What is causing this? - Jim, Sacramento

Dear Jim:

Wiper blades last much longer if they are used frequently.

As the wiper blade travels across the glass its edge is supposed to bend so that the point of the blade is a bit behind the wiper arm. When the wiper reverses direction the blade should also reverse so that the edge is pulled, not pushed, across the glass.

When the blades get old they lose the ability to bend and rather than being pulled smoothly across the glass the blade skips. The black marks are bits of rubber from the blades.

You need to replace the wiper blades. In addition, clean the windshield thoroughly with a strong glass cleaner and some hard rubbing.

I've found that the replacement wiper blades on plastic arms, sold by some auto supply chain stores, do not perform well - the plastic does not seem to be strong enough to hold the blade firmly against the glass. Try to get metal ones.

When you wash your car, wash the wiper blades too. This will remove any of the oxidized rubber, make the blades last longer and keep them in condition for future rainstorms.▼

common sense & your pets

"The chosen pup ... and kitten"

by Joan B. Guertin
OF MGW STAFF

If you are still on a search for the perfect pup but have a soft spot in your heart for the orphans, rejects and hapless victims of our "disposable society," the city and county pounds or the S.P.C.A. may produce exactly what you are looking for. In the liner notes for Carol Lea Benjamin's excellent book, *The Chosen Puppy*, Howell Book House, 1990, Benjamin states, "When you adopt a shelter puppy you acquire a loving companion and save a life at the same time. When enough dog lovers do the same, they create at least a partial solution to the pet overpopulation problem in the United States today."

The "chosen puppy" comes with special needs and a lot of unknown baggage, but that doesn't mean that he can't be a loyal and loving lifetime companion. He will, however, need a great deal of patience, lots of love and firm handling. A second volume that is invaluable before a trip to the pound or S.P.C.A. is also by Benjamin. *Second-Hand Dog* is well worth adding to your library.

Two other good sources for people looking to rescue pets are Pet Finders at 944-7055 and Second-Hand Dogs at 393-0811. Both do an excellent job of matching up dogs and people. Remember that no matter where you get your dog, training will be very important to help build confidence and overcome insecurities usually inherent in passed-around pups. These are all good sources for older pets as well. Many wonderful dogs end up homeless when their masters die. During the recent Desert Storm conflict, service connected families found themselves having to place their dogs when transfers and relocations made it impossible to take family pets. Sometimes something as simple as a gift left open inadvertently allows a wonderful family pet to slip out and they end up in the pound. Not all lost dogs get found and an older dog with some training and well past the puppy stage may turn out to be the perfect pet. The bottom line is that there are plenty of wonderful dogs out there and some careful research and patience will turn up the one best for each individual.

And let's not forget the kittens and cats needing adoption. For the working family with little time to spend with a pet a cat is more independent, less likely to be as destructive as a puppy and definitely is better able to entertain itself. Kittens are funny, entertaining and delightful pets. They will welcome you home as eagerly as a dog and with patience, can be taught many interesting tricks and games.

Responsible pet ownership includes caring for our pets, confining them to our own premises so that they don't infringe on the rights of those who don't enjoy pets and also includes spaying and neutering in order to cut down on the overpopulation problems.

In a conversation with Pam Marcum, Volunteer Coordinator for the Sacramento S.P.C.A. I learned that last year the three local shelters handled 38,000 animals. In June alone there were 1,000 cats and kittens 800 of which were euthanized. The tragedy lay in the fact that these were healthy, adoptable animals that could not be placed. The unseasonably warm weather will lengthen the cat breeding season this year so preventing unwanted litters necessitates that owners spay and neuter their cats. Low cost spay and neuter information is available from the S.P.C.A. at 383-7387. Prevent a tragedy, neuter your pets.

Appropriately, the Sacramento Board of Supervisors and City Council in cooperation with the S.P.C.A. has designated April as PET PREVENT A LITTER MONTH. Volunteers are needed for upcoming educational programs targeted for the schools, so if you have a love for animals and some time to spare, call Pam Marcum at the S.P.C.A. 383-7387. Another excellent source for low cost spay and neuter is SPIN (Sacramento Pets in Need) this is also a non-profit organization that contributes funds to spay/neuter clinics. You can reach them at 441-7522. As responsible pet owners, let's all do what we can whether it be in terms of cash donations, volunteer help, delivering newspapers to the S.P.C.A. or just keeping our own back yards clean by spaying/neutering and training our own pets.

COMING UP: The San Francisco S.P.C.A. PetWalk '91, Saturday, May 4, 8:30am-2pm Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park for information call 415-554-3096.

Look for upcoming columns on Canine Companions for Independence; Caring for and training cats; Living with a House Bunny; and Chickens and Ducks as Pets.

APOLOGY -- In the March 15 issue of MGW my column was directed to the problems inherent in purchasing pet shop puppies obtained from out-of-state puppy mills. I apologize if my remarks and opinions offended those neighborhood pet shops which carry only a small number of pups obtained from local, usually known breeders. Local puppies are not subject to the stress caused by shipping at such an early age. In smaller pet shops, with only a few puppies, the pups receive more attention and are often played with so that they are socialized better than their peers from the franchise operations which deal in puppy mill pups. My Chihuahua, Chiquita was obtained from my friend Roberta Neal at Land Park Pet five years ago and is a perfectly normal, well socialized puppy thanks to the excellent care she received from Bert and the staff at Land Park Pet who really care about the puppies they take in. -- Joan B. Guertin

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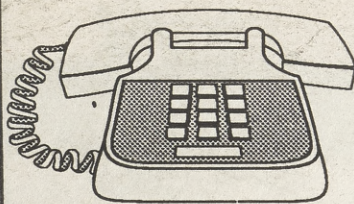


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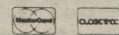
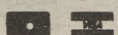
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Goddesses of shopping

reviewed by Walter Gorski
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I'll Take It by Paul Rudnick,
 NY, Knopf; \$8.95.

Take one 26-year-old yale educated, unemployed male New Yorker. Add his mother and her two sisters. Infuse them all with a passion to shop and an aversion to paying retail, or an aversion to paying period. See them on a course to descend on L.L. Bean.

Mix in sparkling and funny dialogue. Suspend just a soup-con of belief and you'll have a great day-at-the-beach read. Oh -- and dear reader, this just came out in paperback - \$8.95 such a deal.▼

Where there's a will to build a new relationship

reviewed by Maggie Melton
 OF MGW STAFF

Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll, by Paul Monette, St. Martin's Press; 227 pages; \$7.95.

Wealthy, elderly, Mrs. Carroll has expressed her wishes to Phidias, a long-time employee and, by the way, lover, and has written a new will. But she dies before signing it. Phidias has a problem ... how to get the will signed before anyone knows Mrs. Carroll is dead. He enlists the aid of her houseboy, David who calls his former lover, Rick, for help. Rick brings Madeleine, a maturing singer-actress along to the estate. Madeleine, in her turn, invites Aldo, her

very gay, very wealthy agent.

Enter Donald Farley, the family lawyer and Tony, the youngest of a trio of estranged offspring. Let the fun begin! Where is Mrs. Carroll? WHO is Mrs. Carroll? Will David and Rick build a new relationship? What IS Aldo cooking up in the kitchen? Stay tuned for all the answers.

Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll is fun for everyone -- the reader, the author, the characters. Paul Monette has taken a very clever, almost plausible (could this really happen?) story idea and given it a life of its own. It's new, it's fresh and it makes a good escape.▼

Renaissance from page 17

(Lambda Center, April 12-May 5). The artistic staff wants to keep this full of surprises, so no information was available at press time. Tickets are available to this limited-seating event by calling the Lambda Players box office at 442-7752.

The Mystery of Irma Vep by Charles Ludlam (Sacramento Theatre Company, April 12-May 12). Continuing their "activist" season, STC presents George Maguire and David de Berry in this virtuoso quick-change melodrama directed by Mark Cuddy. Involving forty costume and instantaneous role changes, this is not only Ludlam's high-water mark as far as his creation of a revolutionary new genre of theatre, it is a daunting challenge to actors. According to Maguire, "It takes courage. If you don't have it, don't do it." Ludlam threw off the tyranny of labels and re-invented cross-dressing, a universal shamanistic ritual of magic, to synthesize a personal power onstage that some theorize found its way to the streets in the Stonewall Riots in 1969. Maguire continues, "I'm finding I'm losing my male identity. It's exciting when it happens in rehearsals - I wind up going over my lines

while driving and unself-consciously primping. I like the gowns, wigs and jewelry. My Lady Enid is a Kathleen-Turner-type with a total superstar first entrance. It's an actor's dream ... Harvey Fierstein changing wigs, others are complete transformations which must take place within ten seconds. It has to be effortless -- we have to feel like Tai and Randy by opening night. Playing off the other actor is the joy of the play."

Ludlam had an encyclopedia knowledge of theater and film, and interpolated quotations from *Rebecca*, *Curse of the Mummy*, *Mata Hari* and countless others in his idiosyncratic "ridiculous theater." The essential thing being fun, STC places *The Mystery of Irma Vep* in the late 30s and uses theater organ music like silent film accompaniment. The director, Mark Cuddy, was attracted to the play because Ludlam did for American theater what Brecht had done to trash the tired formulas of his own day. His plays go way beyond being gay plays because, Cuddy feels, "His sense of freedom was too outrageous. He loved living on that edge. And it was very important

that I cast two actors who had what Ludlam had: distinctive personalities on and offstage. George rehearses at a high pitch, which allows a lot of freedom of choice, and David has the same kind of commitment." One is reminded of what Sartre said of Genet, "Genius is not a gift, but the way out that one invents in desperate cases." What a loss that Ludlam, who played his successful *Camille* over 500 times, was carried off by the mal de siecle of our own epoch, AIDS.

Cradle and All musical comedy by Ellen Cooper and Joan Simcoe (Theatre Rhinoceros, opening May 4) Two eccentric lesbian partners in a race with their biological clocks break all the rules and have a baby, with a little help from their friends. Cal 415-861-5079 for dates.

The Fifth of July by Lanford Wilson (Sacramento Theatre Company, January 24-February 16, 1992). To be offered as part of the company's 50th anniversary, with one play selected from each decade to sum up American life, this one representing the 70's. See announcement of their new season.▼

Vulnerable from page 19

There is no single personality profile that "guarantees" a person will become addicted. Some addictive people appear passive and dependent, others confident and outgoing, but even though their styles seem different they are often simple opposite sides of the same coin. In both cases the issues are the same (for instance trouble managing anger). Most addicts have power and control issues. Some come across as grandiose much of the time, others as having an inferiority complex. So too, most addicts have some kind of issue with responsibility. Addicts are thought as irresponsible, but some (especially codependents) are overresponsible for others. In reality, neither takes appropriate responsibility for his own life.

Very few of us are free of addictive personality traits, but that does not mean that we are all doomed to addiction. As we become aware of these traits, we are in a better position to examine the underlying beliefs that fuel them and begin transforming these.

These follow some of the most high-risk personality traits and a brief explanation of how each one makes a person more vulnerable to addiction:

- 1) Feelings of shame: The mood changer props of feelings of inadequacy;
- 2) Perfectionism: harsh self-criticism; The mood changer makes a person feel more perfect, or relieves them from striving to be perfect;
- 3) Need for power and control: mood changer provides illusion of power;
- 4) Dishonesty, self-delusion: denial about the mood changer is easier;
- 5) Black and white thinking: Causes over-reaction and negativity;
- 6) Self-obsessed: Incessant "licking of one's wounds."
- 7) Self-less: Provides a pseudoidentity -- even if its a negative one;
- 8) Inner Emptiness: Mood changer fills the whole;
- 9) Excessive approval-seeking; obsessed with image: Helps gamer more approval or numb the user to rejected;
- 10) Guilt-ridden: provides an anchor for guilt, a way to act it out.
- 11) Underlying depression: Stimulant mood-changers offset feelings of depression;
- 12) Inner tension: provides constant activity or reduces tension;
- 13) Inordinate fear of failure and rejection: Meets needs passively and magically, while providing the facade of independence;
- 14) Trouble with authority: Helps to act out against or (like workaholic) seeks to win approval from same;
- 15) Blaming; taking on passive/victim role: Helps avoid taking responsibility;
- 16) Poor coping skills: Helps put life on hold;
- 17) Wishful thinking: Provides self-delusion and fosters denial;
- 18) Never wanting to grow-up: Gets needs met effortlessly through drugs;

- 19) Without boundaries: Compulsive behavior provides a way to avoid having to set boundaries;
- 20) Need for immediate gratification: Provides reliable quick fix;
- 21) Intimacy Problems: feelings of isolation; mood changers substitute for relationships;
- 22) Trouble having real pleasure: Addiction provides "pseudopleasure."

As you can see many of the addicts' beliefs and personality traits "set him/her up" to find mood altering substances or activities.

Even though many of us acquired our addictive beliefs at home, this is not to say we should blame our families or society for all of our problems. To the contrary, recovery means taking responsibility for our lives. Yet before we can free ourselves from the influences of these addictive beliefs, it does help to examine the past, to root out messages received as children that are now making us vulnerable to addiction. Understand the past is one step in many, to avoid repeating it. Next time I will address the family origins of addiction.

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QUALITY IRISH IMPORTS, 1021 R St., 446-1877.

Computers

R & D MICROGRAPH X, 2401 L St. Lower, 444-3839.

Dentist

ARTHUR KATZ, D.D.S., 1820 Professional Dr., #7, 488-2440

Electrical

TOM SEARES, 348-6931

Financial

MARK WHISLER, CFP, 446-6666
WHITNEY & KILLICK FINANCIAL SERVICES, 2321 Lloyd Lane, 486-8985

Florist

LA FLEUR, 1620 W. El Camino, #150, 452-6715.

Gardening

ENGLISH GARDEN CARE, Ltd., 489-8903

Gifts

SUBSCRIPTIONS to MGW!!

Graphic Designers

MGW GRAPHICS & TYPESETTING, 1725 L St., 95814, 441-6397

Hair

LAURIE, Hair Cutting Mill, 2713 Riverside, 442-6820

PHOENIX RISING, 3193 Riverside Blvd., 443-5478

THE MAJESTIC LOOK, 2000 Marconi Ave., #B1, 921-2388

PAT MEDINA, The Associates, 3714 J St., 455-0667

Handyman/Woman

FEATHER YOUR NEST, 652-4204

FINISHING TOUCHES, 721-9326

HERB & GREG, 446-0459

Health Club

VALENTIS, 921 Eleventh St. nr. J St. 442-2874

Housekeeping

OLGA'S, 453-0762

Insurance

FARMERS INSURANCE, Sue Wolf, 1237 J St., 441-2776

Jewelry

ARARIETY FINE JEWELRY, 1021 R St., 446-1535.

BARBETTA'S, 1004 24th St., 443-4959.

Massage

AVANTI, 447-3306

CYNTHIA L. ADELIZZI, C.M.T., 452-7734

PATRICIA DIGIORGIO, C.M.T. (women only), Lic. # 611091, 486-1006

SEAN LETZIN, C.M.T., 456-5685

Maintenance

WIMPY'S CARPET CARE, 444-8810

Metaphysician

REV. JEFF SERKIN, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 489-7503.

Motels/Inns/Resorts

BLUE FISH COVE, 10573 E. Hwy. 20, Box 1273, Clear Lake Oaks, 95423, 707-998-1769

LANGTRY INN, 637 Steiner, S.F., 415-863-0538

NYVADA BED & BREAKFAST, Box 6835, Stateline NV 89449, 702-588-5559

Pets

ANIMAL HOUSECALL SERVICE, Dr. Nancy Weagly, 456-0967

CAPITOL AQUARIUM, 29th & T St., 5433 Auburn Blvd., 452-5556 or 331-1361

JUST DUCKY, Pet-sitting, 925-4149

KENNEL ROOM, 2160 Marconi & Howe, Grooming Dogs & Cats, 925-4149

LAND PARK PET CENTER, 4420 Del Rio, 456-4537.

PET PARADISE, 4221 Freeport, 456-9336

POCKET SOUTH PET HOSPITAL, 7465 Rush River Dr., #160, 395-PETS

OAK HOLLOW PET FARM, 961-6627

Photography

DEBORAH GOLDSTEIN PHOTOGRAPHY & DESIGN, 1010 24th St., 448-1303

Psychologist

JOANNE MARROW, Ph.D.

Lic. # PA8571, 3000 T St., 454-5656

ELLIE ZACKS, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY10426, 7509 Madison Ave., #B105, C.H. 95610, 967-0611

Printing

FIRST IMPRESSION PRINTING, 2330 Alhambra, 737-0115

PRINT PLACE, 11291 Street, 443-2591

Real Estate

ZANA BLAZER REALTY, 650 Howe Ave., #110, 95825, 929-0222

REMY CECI, GBC Realtors, 455-8054

KELLEY REALTOR, 6371 Riverside Blvd., 393-1111

PFINGST REALTY/Dirk Fullmer, 967-5668 (h), 362-1166

PFINGST REALTY/Vicki Pfingst, 9978 Folsom Blvd., 95827, 362-1166

JAYNE ROUNTREE, Broker, Rountree Real Estate, 921-6642

WHISLER AND COMPANY, 446-6666

Restaurant

CAFE MONTREAL, 2326 K St., 446-9323

Remodeling

RENAISSANCE CONSTRUCTION, Lic. #384772, Steve Neville, 442-6565

Repairs/Service

MIKE'S REFRIGERATION, FREEZER, HEATERS & AIR, 455-6540

SEARE'S ELECTRICAL SERVICE, Box 112, Carmichael, 348-6931

Security

S.C.S. ENTERPRISES, 209 Harding Blvd., 773-5057

Spiritual Counseling

AVANTI, 447-3306

Tax Preparation

WHISLER FINANCIAL GROUP, 446-6666

WHITNEY & KILLICK FINANCIAL SERVICES, 2321 Lloyd Lane, 486-8985

Theaters

TOWER THEATER, 2508 Land Park Dr., 443-6551

Therapist/Counselors

Minimal standard as a Therapist, Counselor, Psychologists include: Name, phone number, highest relevant degree (M.D., M.S.W., Ph.D. and in what field), and California State License number. Unlicensed therapists/counselors who advertise should include a statement including they are "not licensed therapists."

THE EFFORT, 1820 J St., 95814, 368-3070

JOYCE BRIGHT, M.S., M.F.C.C. Intern #15588, supervised by Deborah L. Couk, Ph.D., #PSY10865, 2509 Capitol Ave., #202, 446-1145.

18TH STREET COUNSELING SERVICES Sharon L. Hartley, L.C.S.W.; Sean M. Hoag, L.C.S.W.; Charla M. Wistos M.F.C.C.; John F. Linder, L.C.S.W., Intern; Linda Marquis-L.C.S.W.

1216 18th Street, 443-0560

SANDRA FIELDS, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., Lic. #3725, 2740 Fulton Ave., #120, 484-6376

BOB HALL, M.F.C.C., Lic. #MU19878, 2470 Fulton Ave., #100D, 481-9141

JILL KELLY, M.S.S.W., #LCS11340, 2011 P St., #102, 443-6253.

LINDA PAOLI, L.C.S.W., Lic. #9184, 2628 El Camino, #C1, 972-7831

TERESA PHILLIPS, M.F.C.C. Lic. #MFC22412, 441-1866.

DAN RUDD, Ph.D., Lic. #6236, 897 Embarcadero Dr., #213, El Dorado Hills, 939-4473.

SANDRA WARNE, M.A., M.F.C.C. Intern to Barbara Ballif, L.C.S.W. & Associates, 650 University Ave., #209, 648-1443, 973-9721.

Tilesetter

STODDARD TILE COMPANY, Lic. #536338, Kim, 454-2896

Travel

PASSPORT TRAVELCENTER, 1500 W. El Camino, #257, 641-1140

EXPO TRAVEL, 2100 Arden Way, #165, 920-1701.

T-Shirts

ECHO SHIRTS, 2114 19th St., 443-ECHO

Typesetting

MGW TYPESETTING & GRAPHICS, 1725 L St., 95814, 441-6397

VCR Repair

EXPERT ELECTRONIC REPAIR, 4901-A Auburn Blvd., 339-1770

Veterinarian

ANIMAL HOUSECALL SERVICE, Dr. Nancy Weagly, 456-0967

POCKET SOUTH PET HOSPITAL, 7465 Rush River Dr., #160, 395-PETS

SOUTHSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC, 7298 Franklin Blvd., 395-9321

Vibrators

GOOD VIBRATIONS, 1210 Valencia, S.F., 415-550-0827 1210-S

Vintage Clothing

NOW AND AGAIN VINTAGE CLOTHING, 716 K St., 442-3529; 2101 L St., 447-9443.

Voice Info Services

CONNECTIONS USA, 1007 N. Federal Hwy., #251, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304, 1-900-646-4646

classified

Bed & Breakfast

HOLLY'S PLACE - Tahoe. Women's retreat, hot tub, bicycle, hiking. Cottages \$75-95; priv. rms. \$48-58; 1-544-7040. (x0601)

Crisis Line

24-HR CRISIS HOTLINE ... Open Institute; 800-444-9999.

Employment

ADVERTISING SALES PERSONS wanted for MGW. Must be motivated, self-starters, social, neat appearance, transportation, sales background a must. 20% commission on new ads; 441-6397.

BARBER WANTED in dwntwn Chico. Booth Rent. Send resume to Bxhldr, Box 4956, Chico, 95927.

EVENT PRODUCTION ARTIST NEEDED for Northern Calif. gay resorts & nightclubs. Resp. include graphic production for advertising, signs, set & prop design & construction, & coordination of events. Pagemaker exp. nec. Self-driven person a must. Salary range \$1200-\$2000/mo. for May-Sept. depending on abilities. Work history, personal description to: Production Artist, The Woods Resort, Box 1690 Guerneville 95446.

EXCITING SUMMER JOBS at No. Calif. gay resort/nightclubs. Avail. May 1-20 thru Sept. 3. Training provided, no exp. nec., good employment history & references a must. Positions available: bartenders, barbacks, housekeepers, front desk, gardeners, maintenance, security (manager & staff), line cooks, dishwashers, food servers, & buspeople. For a fun, profitable summer job send work history, personal description & positions desired to: Employment, The Woods & Fites Resorts, Box 1690, Guerneville, 95446.

For Rent

PVT. FURNISHED RM., kit/laundry privileges. Parking. Close to SCC. On RTD route. Great for college/med student or tradesman. N/S, N/D, No J/O calls. \$300/mo. + sec. inc. util. Alt. 6pm or wknds. Don/Austin 428-2828. (x0415)

Misc for Sale

MITA COPY MACHINE Needs new drum. Best offer, 441-6397

Personals-Men

DADDY BEAR, 37, 6'4", 190 lbs. looking for that special boy-cub to eventually share in the operation of electrical contracting business. Daddy's Boy is 6+, non-fem., clean-cut, attentive, quick-learner, with good organizational skills. 18-25 + - will make Dad happy and learn the electrical/electronics business. Dad can help manage/invest cub's downy for mutual gain. His room (leather work den??) is ready. Tom, Box 112, Carmichael, 95609.

EUROPEAN GUYS crave Americans! Coming to Californial Direct contacts. Free all-male list with call. Call Euro-Gays 1-900-737-9333 (\$3/min.) (x0601).

BROWN/BLUE EYES, GM 36, slender, non-smoker, relationship oriented seeks nonbalding GM. Likes movies, hiking, rollercoasters, gardening, bicycling, camping, long drives; 922-4781.

ME: 26 y.o. GWM on a man hunt! 5'10", 165, clean/safe, tan, dk. blond, very handsome, prof., p.t. student, like to dance, travel, read. YOU: 26-37, 5'9"-6'2", 155-210, healthy, prof., handsome, masculine, simple, no drugs! Pic. would help & ph. # to: John D., Box 163732, Sac., 95816.

GWM 5-10, 155 lbs., brn. hr., hot, firm, smooth, slim, muscular body seeks gd. looking caucasian, 25-45 for discreet ongoing physical companionship. 929-2103.

ARE YOU a young, honest, masculine top interested in meeting an attractive, sincere guy, 35, for friendship & fun? Write Box holder, Box 161732, Sac. 95816.

TO THE PERSON in shorts who was in the donut shop on 12th Ave. & Franklin at 11am Thur., Feb. 21 and had a grey van follow him call: Scott 391-0558.

BISEXUAL Hispanic male, attractive, tall wishes straight or bisexual man for loving relationship. Well-endowed & macho only. Tony 484-6527, handsome, rugged & dominant preferred.

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE? MGW needs help on phones, typing, organizing, proof-reading, etc. 441-6397.

Personals-Women

GWF, 41, warmhearted & affectionate, liking quiet times & movies & trips to ocean; looking for same, no drinkers or smokers; sincere only 488-9118.

GWF, 32, professional, feminine & independent skg. same to share quality time. I know where I'm going, do you? Integrity & sincerity a must. No drugs or smokers. MGW Box 16, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814. (x0415)

TRAVEL & outings especially enjoyed by new-to-ads GWF mid-40s. I'm warm-hearted, affectionate, liking quiet times. You're bright, even-tempered caring, compassionate. We're both soft/strong women willing to let a relationship evolve gradually. Your reply treated respectfully. Sincere only. Boxholder, P.O. Box 54, Folsom 95630. (x0515)

HAVE you been the victim of a hate crime? Call 442-0185.

Roommates

NICE 3 bdrm. house near Sac State; \$270/mo. includes util.; 386-2504 evenings. ROOMMATE TO SHARE W. Sacto. condo \$285, 1/3 util., pool, tennis; 372-8719 (x0501).

FEMALE TO SHARE 2 bdrm., 1 ba. cute Curtis Pk. house. W/D avail. nr City College & dwntwn. \$315/mo. + 1/2 util.; 455-0690.

ROOMIES ... Confidential Gay roommate matching. Sacramento, Stockton, and major cities nationwide! 1-800-272-8372, 2pm-8pm. (x0715)

Services

MASSAGE for men ... Friendly, relaxing, sensual. I'm 27, handsome, built. Strong hands, gentle heart. You deserve the best! Scott, CMT, 646-3573.

QUALITY MASSAGE FOR THE ACTIVE MALE Full body, sensitive, focused on you. Stress reduction, satisfying, soothing, sensual massage. You deserve to feel great; Ray 455-4314.

Wanted

INFORMATION: If there was another gay bar in town that offered both C/W & High Energy dancing 7 days a week, how often would you frequent the bar? Call 444-3113 and give your response or feedback or write NJT Survey, Box 162272, Sac. 95816.

NOW AND AGAIN buys good used button-up Levis 501's and Levi's jackets, 2101 L Street,

MODERN SET of encyclopedias for MGW offices. 441-6397

V8 truck or van wanted. Cheap. 441-6397.

Advertise your
Business in
MGW
Newspaper

classified/personals/business directory

COMPLETE THE ENTRY BLANK BELOW AND RETURN BY MAY 31, 1991

Age:
 ___ Under 18 ___ 25-39 ___ 40-49
 ___ 18-20 ___ 30-24 ___ 50-59
 ___ 21-24 ___ 35-39 ___ 60 & above

Sex:
 ___ Male ___ Female

Preference:
 ___ Gay Male ___ Gay female
 ___ Bisexual ___ Heterosexual

Race/ethnicity: _____

Occupation:
 ___ Professional/technical (title _____)
 ___ Managerial/supervisor (title _____)
 ___ Sales/service (type _____)
 ___ Artist/craftsperson
 ___ Skilled labor (type _____)
 ___ Self-employed (how? _____)
 ___ Clerical
 ___ Student (field _____)
 ___ Military
 ___ Government
 ___ Not employed (how long? _____)

Personal Income: (before taxes)
 ___ Less than \$10,000
 ___ \$10,000-\$20,000
 ___ \$20,000-\$30,000
 ___ \$30,000-40,000
 ___ \$40,000-\$50,000
 ___ \$50,000-\$75,000
 ___ \$75,000-\$100,000
 ___ \$100,000- or above

Education:
 ___ High school grad
 ___ Attended college, did not complete
 ___ College grad (field _____ degree _____)
 ___ Post-grad studies (field _____)
 ___ Masters/doctorate (field _____)
 ___ Professional/technical certificate
 ___ Continuing/adult programs
 (types _____)

Political affiliation:
 ___ Democrat
 ___ Republican
 ___ Independent
 ___ Other (name _____)

Affiliations:
 Do you belong to and/or money donated annually?
 ___ Activist group _____
 ___ Addiction recovery group _____
 ___ Computer group _____
 ___ Cultural/fine arts group _____
 ___ Anti-discrimination group _____
 ___ Community Events group _____
 ___ Health resources group _____
 ___ HIV/AIDS support group _____
 ___ Sports/hobbies group _____
 ___ Parenting groups _____
 ___ Performing arts _____
 ___ Political group _____
 ___ Professional group _____
 ___ Religion/spiritual group _____
 ___ Social/neighborhood group _____
 ___ Student group _____
 ___ Support group _____
 ___ Youth group _____
 ___ Other (which? _____)

Transportation & Travel
 What types of car/truck do you own? _____
 ___ I use my car to get to work _____
 ___ I use public transportation to get to work _____
 ___ I carpool to get to work _____
 I travel _____ miles per month to get to/from work
 Over the last 12 months I have spent \$ _____
 on vehicle maintenance and/or repairs.

If you live within Sacramento county
how many trips in the last year have
you made into the S.F. Bay Area for:
 Entertainment _____
 Shopping _____

Eating _____
Sports _____
Business _____
Education/seminars _____

If you live outside Sacramento county, how many trips in the last year have you made into Sacramento for?:

Entertainment _____
Shopping _____
Eating _____
Sports _____
Business _____
Education/seminars _____

If you live outside Sacramento county, how many trips into S.F. Bay Area for?:

Entertainment _____
Shopping _____
Eating _____
Sports _____
Business _____
Education/seminars _____

In the last year how many weeks of vacation did you take? _____

How much did you spend? _____

Did you travel

____ out of Sacramento?
Where? _____

____ out of state?
Where? _____

____ out of country?
Where? _____

____ by car?
____ by plane/other
(which? _____)

How much have you spent on the following in the past 12 months:

\$ _____ Professional
(legal/medical/financial/etc.)

\$ _____ Household (electrical/yard care, contractors/repairs/etc.)

\$ _____ Cable TV
 \$ _____ Beauty/fitness services
 \$ _____ Auto sound system /repairs
 \$ _____ Office/home sound system /repairs
 \$ _____ Home security system
 \$ _____ Real estate
 \$ _____ Gifts
 \$ _____ Florist
 \$ _____ Other (which? _____)
Leisure time:
 Monthly, how often do you:
 Go to movies _____
 Rent movies _____
 Eat in restaurants _____
 Use a telephone hotline _____
 Play team sports _____
 Work out _____
 Go to clubs/bars _____
 Attend performances _____
 Attend organization meetings _____
 Weekly, how many hours do you:
 Read books _____
 Read newspapers _____
 Read magazines _____
 Watch educational TV _____
 Watch commercial TV _____
 Watch cable TV _____
 Do household chores _____
 Use home computer _____
 Watch TV news _____
 Listen to radio news _____
Shopping habits:
 I spend _____ hours a month shopping at malls.
 _____ % of my buying transactions are on credit cards
 _____ M/C _____ VISA _____ AMEX _____ Optima
 _____ Carte Blanc _____ Other (which? _____)
 I shop at the following stores:
 _____ Macys _____ Weinstocks

☐ Sears ☐ Penneys ☐ Mervyns
☐ Kmart ☐ Nordstroms
☐ Other (which? _____)

Over the last year, I have spent about the following amounts on these items:

\$ _____ Books \$ _____ Cigarettes
 \$ _____ Clothing \$ _____ Liquor
 \$ _____ Records/CDs/tapes
 \$ _____ Pet Supplies \$ _____ Jewelry
 \$ _____ Art \$ _____ Antiques
 \$ _____ Personal Care items
 \$ _____ Other

I practice safe sex

☐ Always ☐ Mostly
☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

I pass on information about safe sex

☐ Yes ☐ No

I recycle paper, bottles, etc.

☐ Always ☐ Mostly
☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

What financial investments/securities do you have:

☐ Savings account
☐ Checking account
☐ IRA/Keough plan
☐ U.S. gov. bonds
☐ Other securities
☐ Mutual funds
☐ Money market funds
☐ Silver/gold coins
☐ Art/antique collectibles
☐ Vacation home
☐ Real Estate

ABOUT YOU

Location of household:

☐ Downtown Sac ☐ East Sac
☐ Curtis Park ☐ West Sac
☐ Land Park
☐ Del Paso Heights
☐ South Sac ☐ North Sac
☐ Carmichael ☐ Fair Oaks
☐ Rancho Cordova ☐ Tahoe Park
☐ Davis ☐ Placerville
☐ Auburn/Gr. Valley ☐ Roseville
☐ Other (please specify) _____

Type of residence:

☐ Own home (monthly payment \$ _____)
☐ Own condo/co-op (payment \$ _____)
☐ Rent home (monthly rent \$ _____)
☐ Rent apt./flat (monthly rent \$ _____)
☐ Live in family home/apt.
(monthly mortgage/rent \$ _____)
☐ Yes, I own other property
(\$ _____ estimated value)

Have lived in Sacramento area:

☐ 1 yr. ☐ 1-5 yrs.
☐ 5-10yrs. ☐ more than 10 yrs.

Household size:

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
☐ 4 or more

People in your household

☐ Live alone
☐ Roommates (number _____)
☐ Lover
☐ Children (number _____)
☐ Relatives (number _____)

Number of wage earners in household

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
☐ 4 or more

Total household income (before tax):

☐ Less than \$10,000
☐ \$10,000-\$20,000
☐ \$20,000-\$30,000
☐ \$30,000-40,000
☐ \$40,000-\$50,000
☐ \$50,000-\$75,000
☐ \$75,000-\$100,000
☐ \$100,000- or above

YOUR HOUSEHOLD

☐ I am a subscriber

☐ I pick it up

☐ Pass it on to 1 person

☐ Pass it on to 2 or more

☐ MGW is my regular source of gay news

☐ In MGW political news interests me most

☐ In MGW groups/organizations interest me most

☐ In MGW stories about gay people interest me most

☐ In MGW classified section interest me most

☐ In MGW advertisements interest me most

☐ In MGW reviews/advice columns interest me most

☐ I have used MGW classified section to sell

☐ I have used MGW classified section to buy

I like the "look" of MGW

☐ Yes ☐ No

I like the name "MGW"

☐ Yes ☐ No

I like the pull out section

☐ Yes ☐ No

I like the size of the paper

☐ Yes ☐ No

I like the number of pages
 ____ Yes ____ No

The display ads are clear and informative
 ____ Yes ____ No

I save my copies of MGW
 ____ Yes ____ No
 (How long? _____)

I also read:

____ the Advocate ____ Sacramento
 ____ B.A.R. ____ News & Review
 ____ the Latest Issue ____ Suttერთown News
 ____ Ms. Magazine ____ The Sentinel
 ____ Other (which? _____)

Which statement best reflects your attitude toward business that advertise?

____ Even if it meant higher prices or an inconvenient location, I would prefer to buy from a business that advertises.

____ I usually prefer to go to places where I know gay men and women are supported.

____ I would buy at the business that gave me the best deal even if they didn't advertise in MGW.

____ Other _____

If you have other thoughts on MGW or this survey please note them here ... or attach an additional piece of paper.

ON MGW

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ (h) _____ (w)

Mail contest entry in a separate envelope, if you would like to be anonymous ...

MGW Newspaper
1725 L: Street
Sacramento 95814

Deadline: May 31, 1991

Current relationships

☐ Not in a long-term relationship and not interested in one

☐ Not in a relationship, but actively seeking one

☐ With current partner/lover

☐ less than 6 months

☐ 6 months to 1 year

☐ 1-2 years

☐ 2-5 years

☐ 5-10 years

☐ 10 years or more

☐ Am a parent

Of my friends, I would say

- ___ % are gay
- ___ My father is/was gay
- ___ My mother is/was gay
- ___ 1 of my children is gay
- ___ More than 1 of my children are gay
- ___ 1 or more of my siblings is gay

YOUR RELATIONSHIPS